CATHETER PLACEMENT CODING RULES
(for diagnostic catheterizations and some interventions; for other interventions integral)

- Code selective over non-selective per access site
- Code catheterization for each vascular family separately
- Code highest order catheterization by vascular family

NON-SELECTIVE CATHETERIZATION

Arterial Vascular Catheterization X CODE

Carotid/Vertebral, direct puncture 36100
Retrograde Brachial 36120
Extremity Artery, Needle, Unilateral 36140
Aortic, Translumbar 36160
Aorta, Catheter (Femoral, Brachial, Axillary) 36200

SELECTIVE CATHETERIZATION

Arterial Vascular Catheterization X CODE

1st order selective thoracic or above 36215
2nd order selective thoracic or above 36216
3rd order selective thoracic or above 36217
Addl 2nd or 3rd order thoracic or above +36218
1st order selective abdominal or lower 36245
2nd order selective abdominal or lower 36246
3rd order selective abdominal or lower 36247
Addl 2nd or 3rd order abdominal or lower +36248

DIAGNOSTIC ANGIOGRAMS

Thoracic aortogram 75605-26
Abdominal aortogram 75625-26
Abdominal AO/ run-off 75630-26
Extremity, unilateral 75710-26
Extremity, bilateral 75716-26
Visceral (celiac, SMA, IMA) 75726-26
Pelvic, selective or supraselective 75736-26
Internal mammary 75756-26
Selective, each additional vessel after basic +75774-26

DIAGNOSTIC BUNDLED ANGIOGRAMS

(Cath placement + vessels imaged)

Selective renal w/ aortogram, unilateral 36251
Selective renal w/ aortogram, bilateral 36252
Superselective renal w/ aortogram, unilateral 36253
Superselective renal w/ aortogram, bilateral 36254

MISCELLANEOUS

Non-selective iliac angio during heart cath G0278
Closure device G0269

OTHER TRANSCATHETER THERAPIES

PROCEDURE | X | CODE
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Carotid stenting, cervical carotid, w/ distal protection | 37215
Carotid stenting, cervical carotid, w/o distal protection | 37216
Carotid stenting, intrathoracic carotid or innominate, retrograde open approach | 37217
Carotid stenting, intrathoracic carotid or innominate, antegrade approach | 37218
PTA (outside leg, heart, brain, dialysis circuit) initial artery | 37246
PTA (outside leg, heart, brain and dialysis circuit) each additional artery +37247
PTA, initial vein 37248
PTA, each additional vein +37249
IVUS, peripheral, initial vessel +37252
IVUS, each additional vessel +37253
Peripheral atherectomy, renal artery 0234T
Peripheral atherectomy, visceral artery 0235T
Peripheral atherectomy, abdominal aorta 0236T
Peripheral atherectomy, brachioccephalic trunk or branches, each vessel +3727T
Primary perc. mechanical thrombectomy, noncoronary, initial vessel 37184
Primary perc. mechanical thrombectomy, noncoronary, each addnl vessel within same family +37185
Secondary perc. thrombectomy (e.g. snare basket, suction technique), add-on to primary procedure +37186
Insertion of IVC filter, includes vessel access, selection and imaging 37191
Repositioning of IVC filter, includes vessel access, selection and imaging 37192
Retrieval (removal) IVC filter, includes vessel access, selection and imaging 37193
Transcatheter retrieval, perc., of intravascular foreign body (fractured venous or arterial cath) 37197
Transcatheter therapy, arterial infusion for thrombolysis, other than coronary, initial treatment day 37211
Transcatheter therapy, venous infusion for thrombolysis, initial treatment day 37212
- continued on subsequent day during course of thrombolytic therapy - cessation of thrombolysis including removal of catheter and vessel closure by any method 37213
- each additional artery 37214
- each additional vein +37215
- each additional vessel 37236
- each additional vessel +76937

TRANSCATHETER PLACEMENT INTRAVASCULAR STENT

Transcatheter Placement Intravascular Stent(s) (except lower extremity artery(s) for occlusive disease, cervical carotid, extracranial vertebral or intrathoracic carotid, intracranial, or coronary, open or perc., initial artery) 37236
- each additional artery 37237
- each additional vein 37238
- each additional vessel +37239

Note: Includes radiological S&I and all angioplasty within the same vessel, when performed.

OCCLUSION AND EMBOLIZATION

Vascular embolization or occlusion, venous, other than hemorrhage 37241
Vascular embolization or occlusion, arterial, other than hemorrhage or tumor 37242
- for tumors, organ ischemia, or infarction 37243
- for arterial or venous hemorrhage or lytic extravasation 37244

Note: Report only 1 embolization code per surgical field. Inclusive of all radiological S&I, intraprocedural road mapping and imaging guidance necessary to complete the procedure.

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NORMAL CAROTID ANATOMY

DIAGNOSTIC BUNDLED CAROTID ANGIOGAMS
(Cath placement + Vessels imaged)

+36228  Selective catheterization of each intracranial branch of internal carotid or vertebral, unilat., with selected vessel angiography (use w/ 36224 or 36226)

+36227  Selective catheterization of external carotid, unilat., with external carotid angiography + (all vessels imaged (use w/ 36222, 36223 or 36224)

36226  Selective catheterization of vertebral, unilat., with vertebral angiography + (all vessels imaged)

36224  Selective catheterization of internal carotid, unilat., with intracranial carotid angiography + (all vessels imaged)

36225  Selective catheterization of subclavian or innominate, unilat., with vertebral angiography + (all vessels imaged)

36223  Selective catheterization of common carotid or innominate, unilat., with intracranial carotid angiography + (all vessels imaged) (including extracranial when performed)

36222  Selective catheterization of common carotid or innominate, unilat., with extracranial carotid angiography + (all vessels)

36221  Non-selective thoracic catheterization with cervicocerebral angiography of all extra- and intracranial vessels imaged, uni- or bilateral (do not report w/ 36222-36226)

LOWER EXTREMITY ANATOMY

LOWER EXTREMITY INTERVENTIONS

ILIAC TERRITORY

Primary  Add-on
37220  - iliac, unilateral, transluminal angioplasty (TLA) +37222  - iliac each addtl, Ipsilateral; TLA (use in conjunction with 37220, 37221)
37221  - iliac, unilateral, transluminal stent(s), includes TLA when performed +37223  - iliac each addtl, Ipsilateral; stent(s) includes TLA when performed (use in conjunction with 37221)

02387*  - iliac atherectomy (emerging tech code, no RVUs)

FEMORAL/ POPLITEAL TERRITORY

37224  - femoral/popliteal, unilateral, transluminal angioplasty (TLA)

37226  - femoral/popliteal, unilateral, transluminal stent(s), includes TLA when performed

37225  - femoral/popliteal, unilateral, atherectomy, includes TLA when performed

37227  - femoral/popliteal, unilateral, atherectomy + stent(s), includes TLA when performed

TIBIAL/ PERONEAL TERRITORY

37228  - tib/per, unilateral, transluminal angioplasty (TLA)

37230  - tib/per, unilateral, transluminal stent(s), includes TLA when performed

37229  - tib/per, unilateral, atherectomy, includes TLA when performed

37231  - tib/per, unilateral, atherectomy + stent(s), includes TLA when performed

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