

# Percutaneous Placement or Removal of Optional Inferior Vena Cava (IVC) Filters

## 2009 CODING AND REIMBURSEMENT GUIDE

Coverage, coding and payment for medical procedures and devices can be confusing. This guide was developed to assist with Medicare reporting and reimbursement when placing or retrieving an optional Cook inferior vena cava (IVC) filter.

### Coverage

Medicare carriers may issue local coverage decisions (LCDs) listing criteria that must be met prior to coverage. Physicians are urged to review these policies (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/search.asp?>), and contact their carrier's medical director ([www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/contacts](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/contacts)) or commercial insurers to determine if a procedure is covered.

### Coding

**Placement of a percutaneous (IVC) filter, if performed in conjunction with an IVC venography, typically involves coding for access, device placement and imaging procedures. If the device is deployed in a hospital outpatient setting, facilities will also report applicable C-codes for the device.**

37620	Interruption, partial or complete, of inferior vena cava by suture, ligation, plication, clip, extravascular, intravascular, (umbrella device)
36010	Introduction of catheter, superior or inferior vena cava
75825-26	Venography, caval, inferior, with serialography, radiological supervision and interpretation

Diagnostic venography (radiological supervision and interpretation) codes should NOT be used with interventional procedures for contrast injections, venography, roadmapping, and/or fluoroscopic guidance for the intervention, vessel measurement, and post-angioplasty/stent venography; as this work is captured in the radiological supervision and interpretation code(s).

Diagnostic venography performed at the time of an interventional procedure is separately reportable if no prior catheter-based venographic study is available and a full diagnostic study is performed, and decision to intervene is based on the diagnostic study, OR a prior study is available, but as documented in the medical record: the patient's condition with respect to the clinical indication has changed since the prior study, there is inadequate visualization of the anatomy and/or pathology, or there is a clinical change during the procedure that requires new evaluation outside the target area of intervention.

Diagnostic venography performed at a separate setting from an interventional procedure is separately reported.

75940-26	Percutaneous placement of IVC filter, radiological supervision and interpretation
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**Medicare requires hospitals to report, if applicable, device(s) used in the hospital outpatient setting by using Level II HCPCS codes or C-codes. When reporting use of a Cook percutaneous IVC filter in a hospital outpatient hospital setting, we recommend the following C-code(s):**

C1880	Vena Cava Filter
C1894	Introducer/Sheath
C1769	Wire Guide

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**Retrieval of a percutaneous (IVC) filter, if performed in conjunction with an IVC venography, typically involves coding for access, device retrieval and applicable imaging procedures.**

37203 <sup>1,2</sup>	Transcatheter retrieval, percutaneous, of intravascular foreign body (e.g., fractured venous or arterial catheter)
36010-51	Introduction of catheter, superior or inferior vena cava
75825-26	Venography, caval, inferior, with serialography, radiological supervision and interpretation

Diagnostic venography (radiological supervision and interpretation) codes should **not** be used with interventional procedures for contrast injections, venography, roadmapping, and/or fluoroscopic guidance for the intervention, vessel measurement, and post-angioplasty/stent venography, as this work is captured in the radiological supervision and interpretation code(s).

Diagnostic venography performed at the time of an interventional procedure is separately reportable if no prior catheter-based venographic study is available and a full diagnostic study is performed, and decision to intervene is based on the diagnostic study, **or** a prior study is available, but as documented in the medical record, the patient's condition with respect to the clinical indication has changed since the prior study, there is inadequate visualization of the anatomy and/or pathology, or there is a clinical change during the procedure that requires new evaluation outside the target area of intervention.

Diagnostic venography performed at a separate setting from an interventional procedure is separately reported.

75961-26	Transcatheter retrieval, percutaneous, of intravascular foreign body (e.g., fractured venous or arterial catheter) radiological supervision and interpretation
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1. Per correspondence with recognized CPT coding experts.
2. We suggest you contact your carrier(s) about the possible need to append a modifier (the -58 modifier, for example) for retrieval of the vena cava filter since 37620 has a 90 day global period.

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## Payment

### 2009 Medicare Reimbursement for Percutaneous IVC Filter Placement (if performed in conjunction with IVC venography)

Code	Procedure Description	Ambulatory Surgery Center	Outpatient Hospital	Physician Services		
		Facility Payment <sup>1</sup>	APC	Facility Payment (National Medicare Avg <sup>2</sup> )	Fee When Procedure Is Performed in Hospital or ASC (National Medicare Avg <sup>3</sup> )	Fee When Procedure Is Performed in Office (National Medicare Avg <sup>3</sup> )
37620	Interruption, partial or complete, of inferior vena cava by suture ligation, plication, clip, extravascular, intravascular (umbrella device)	This service is not included on Medicare's list of approved procedures	0091	\$2,892.88	\$655.69	\$655.69
36010-51	Introduction of catheter, superior or inferior vena cava	There is no additional facility payment for this service	There is no additional facility payment for this service		\$62.58 Multiple procedure reduction applied	\$282.76 Multiple procedure reduction applied
75825	Venography, caval, inferior, with serialography, radiological supervision and interpretation	Imaging is included in the payment allowance for filter placement	Imaging is included in the payment allowance for filter placement		\$58.43	\$264.01
75940-26	Percutaneous placement of IVC filter, radiological supervision and interpretation	There is no additional facility payment for this service	0279	\$1,954.38	\$27.77	Carrier priced procedure

1. 2009 Medicare Ambulatory Surgery Center Fee Schedule
2. 2009 Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Fee Schedule
3. 2009 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

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## Payment

### 2009 Medicare Reimbursement for Percutaneous IVC Filter Retrieval (if performed in conjunction with IVC venography)

Code	Procedure Description	Ambulatory Surgery Center		Outpatient Hospital		Physician Services	
		Facility Payment <sup>1</sup>	APC	Facility Payment (National Medicare Avg <sup>2</sup> )	Fee When Procedure Is Performed in Hospital or ASC (National Medicare Avg <sup>3</sup> )	Fee When Procedure Is Performed in Office (National Medicare Avg <sup>3</sup> )	
37203*	Transcatheter retrieval, percutaneous, of intravascular foreign body (e.g., fractured venous or arterial catheter)	\$1,200.68	0623	\$1,965.10	\$269.78	\$1,291.54	
36010-51	Introduction of catheter, superior or inferior vena cava	There is no additional facility payment for this service		There is no additional facility payment for this service	\$62.58 Multiple procedure reduction applied	\$282.76 Multiple procedure reduction applied	
75825	Venography, caval, inferior, with serialography, radiological supervision and interpretation	Imaging is included in the payment allowance for filter retrieval		Imaging is included in the payment allowance for filter retrieval	\$58.43	\$264.01	
75961	Transcatheter retrieval, percutaneous, of intravascular foreign body (e.g., fractured venous or arterial catheter), radiological supervision and interpretation	Imaging is included in the payment allowance for filter retrieval		Imaging is included in the payment allowance for filter retrieval	\$216.76	\$416.21	

1. 2009 Medicare Ambulatory Surgery Center Fee Schedule
2. 2009 Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (HOPPS) Fee Schedule
3. 2009 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

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2009 physician fees for your local area can be found at the following CMS links:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PFSlookup/02\\_PFSsearch.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PFSlookup/02_PFSsearch.asp#TopOfPage)

or

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PhysicianFeeSched/PFSNPAF/list.asp#TopOfPage>



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