

Transendoscopic Ultrasound-Guided Fine Needle Biopsy Utilizing the Cook Quick-Core® Endoscopic Ultrasound Needle

2009 CODING AND REIMBURSEMENT GUIDE

Coverage, coding and payment for medical procedures and devices can be complicated and confusing. This guide was developed to assist with Medicare reporting and reimbursement for transendoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle biopsy.

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) or commercial insurers to determine if a procedure is covered.

Coding

Transendoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle biopsies are typically reported using the following CPT code(s):

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| 43232 | Esophagoscopy, rigid or flexible; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s) |
| 43238 | Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy including esophagus, stomach, and either the duodenum and/or jejunum as appropriate; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s), esophagus (includes endoscopic ultrasound examination limited to the esophagus) |
| 43242 | Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy including esophagus, stomach, and either the duodenum and/or jejunum as appropriate; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s) (includes endoscopic ultrasound examination of the esophagus, stomach, and either the duodenum and/or jejunum as appropriate) |
| 45342 | Sigmoidoscopy, flexible; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s) |
| 45392 | Colonoscopy, flexible, proximal to splenic flexure; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s) |

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Payment

| | | Ambulatory Surgery Center | Outpatient Hospital | | Physician Services | |
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| | | Facility Fee ¹ | APC | Facility Fee (National Medicare Avg ²) | Fee When Procedure Is Performed in Hospital or ASC (National Medicare Avg ³) | Fee When Procedure Is Performed in Office (National Medicare Avg ³) |
| 43232 | Esophagoscopy, rigid or flexible; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s) | \$392.07 | 0141 | \$571.58 | \$253.19 | \$253.19 |
| 43238 | Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy including esophagus, stomach and either the duodenum and/or jejunum as appropriate; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s), esophagus (includes endoscopic ultrasound examination limited to the esophagus) | \$392.07 | 0141 | \$571.58 | \$287.45 | \$287.45 |
| 43242 | Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy including esophagus, stomach and either the duodenum and/or jejunum as appropriate; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s) (includes endoscopic ultrasound examination of the esophagus, stomach and either the duodenum and/or jejunum as appropriate) | \$392.07 | 0141 | \$571.58 | \$410.44 | \$410.44 |
| 45342 | Sigmoidoscopy, flexible; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s) | \$346.66 | 0147 | \$603.28 | \$231.19 | \$231.19 |
| 45392 | Colonoscopy, flexible, proximal to splenic flexure; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration | \$398.35 | 0143 | \$593.76 | \$363.19 | \$363.19 |

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

or

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



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