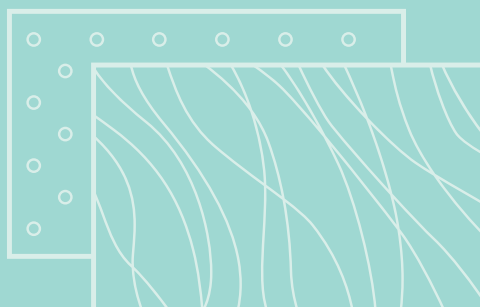
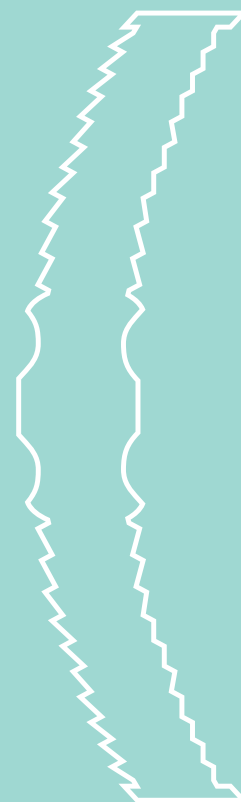




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Stress Urinary Incontinence

2008 Coding and Reimbursement Guide



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Coverage, coding and payment for medical procedures and devices can be confusing. This guide was developed to assist with Medicare reporting and reimbursement when utilizing the Surgisis Biodesign Tension-Free Urethral Sling during sling repairs for stress urinary incontinence.

Coverage

Medicare carriers may issue Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) listing criteria that must be met prior to coverage. Physicians are urged to review these policies (http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DeterminationProcess/04_LCDs.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

Utilizing Surgisis Biodesign Tension-Free Urethral Sling during tension-free stress urinary incontinence repair typically involves coding for the repair code and the appropriate C-code (when care is provided to Medicare patients in the hospital outpatient setting) to describe the device.

Sling-based incontinence repair is typically reported by one of the following CPT[®] (Current Procedural Terminology)¹ codes. It is the physician's responsibility to choose a CPT code that accurately describes the procedure performed.

Surgical Repair

- 51992 Laparoscopy, surgical; sling operation for stress incontinence (e.g., fascia or synthetic)
- 57288 Sling operation for stress incontinence (e.g., fascia or synthetic)

C-Codes

Medicare requires hospitals to report device(s), if applicable, by using Level II HCPCS codes or "C-codes." When reporting use of Surgisis Biodesign Tension Free Urethral Sling in an outpatient hospital setting, we recommend the following C-code:

- C1763 Connective tissue, nonhuman (includes synthetic)

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Payment

Medicare Reimbursement for Surgisis Biodesign Tension-Free Urethral Sling Stress Urinary Incontinence Repair

		Ambulatory Surgery Center ²	Outpatient Hospital <i>National Medicare Avg³</i>		Physician Services <i>National Medicare Avg⁴</i>
CPT Code	Description	Facility Payment	APC	Facility Payment	Fee When Service Provided in Hospital or ASC
51992	Laparoscopy, surgical; sling operation for stress incontinence (e.g., fascia or synthetic)	\$1,009.02	0131	\$2,900.10	\$791.45
57288	Sling operation for stress incontinence (e.g., fascia or synthetic)	\$979.81	0202	\$2,720.36	\$758.69

²2008 Medicare Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Fee Schedule

³2008 Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Fee Schedule

⁴Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

2008 physician fees for your local area can be found at the following CMS links:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/pfslookup/02_PFSsearch.asp

or

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

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