

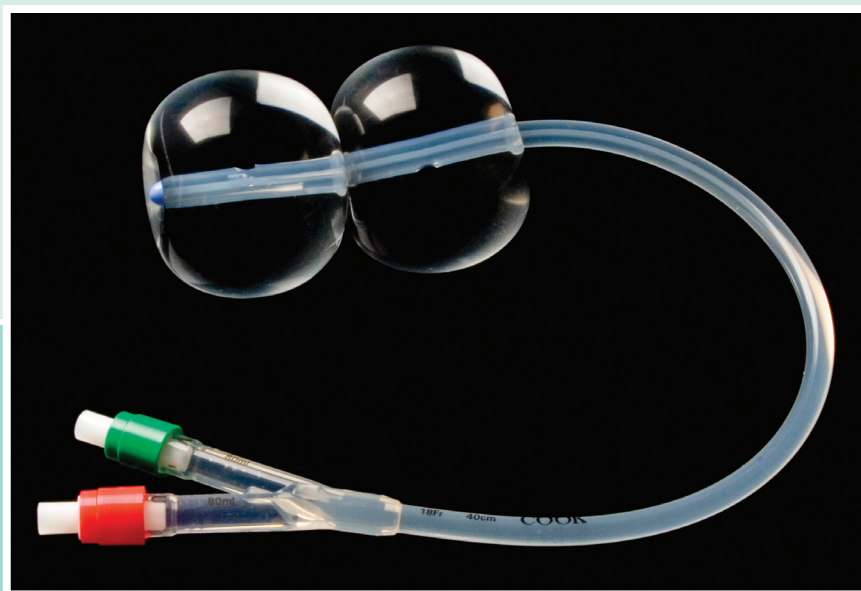


Cervical Ripening Balloon

PREINDUCTION CERVICAL DILATION

2009 Coding & Reimbursement Guide

Cervical Dilatation Utilizing
the Cervical Ripening Balloon



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The Cervical Ripening Balloon is indicated for mechanical dilation of the cervical canal prior to labor induction at term when the cervix is unfavorable for induction. Its use may raise questions regarding procedural coding. Following is a brief summary of CPT® and ICD-9 procedural coding issues related to use of this device.

CPT Code

59200 Insertion of cervical dilator (eg, laminaria, prostaglandin)
(separate procedure)

	Facility	Non-Facility
Total RVUs (Transitional) =	1.23	1.98

- › If this service is performed one day or more prior to delivery, it can be reported separately. Use modifier -59¹
- › If this service is performed on the same day as a delivery, it is considered part of the global obstetric package and is not reported separately¹

Local payers' global obstetric package rules may vary from those noted above. We encourage physicians to review the rules with their local payers prior to reporting obstetric procedures.

ICD-9-CM Code

67.0 Dilation of cervical canal
Excludes: dilation and curettage (69.01-69.09)
that for induction of labor (73.1)

¹ American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. *OB/GYN Coding Manual: Components of Correct Procedural Coding 2009*. Chicago, IL: AMA Press; 2009.

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