

Endoscopic Mucosal Resection with the Duette® Multi-Band Mucosectomy Device

2018 CODING AND REIMBURSEMENT GUIDE

The Cook Endoscopy Duette Multi-Band Mucosectomy Device is used for endoscopic mucosal resection in the upper GI tract. The device uses suction and banding to create esophageal mucosal pseudopolyps, which can then be removed in a similar fashion to a standard polypectomy. Resecting multiple pseudopolyps allows the physician to perform an endoscopic mucosal resection.

Coverage, coding and payment for medical procedures and devices can be confusing. This guide was developed to assist with Medicare reporting and reimbursement when performing endoscopic mucosal resection. If you have any questions, please contact our reimbursement team at 800.468.1379 or by e-mail at reimbursement@cookmedical.com.

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 carriers' medical directors (www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/contacts) or commercial insurers to determine if a procedure is covered.

CPT Coding

Endoscopic Mucosal Resection

The following Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes would apply to the Duette Multi-Band Mucosectomy Device:

43211	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with endoscopic mucosal resection (Do not report 43211 in conjunction with 43201, 43202, 43217 for the same lesion)
43254	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with endoscopic mucosal resection (Do not report 43254 in conjunction with 43236, 43239, 43251 for the same lesion)



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Payment

2018 Medicare Reimbursement for Endoscopic Mucosal Resection

CPT Code	Procedure Description	Ambulatory Surgery Center	Outpatient Hospital	Physician Services		
		Facility Payment (National Medicare Avg) ¹	APC	Facility Payment (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
43211	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with endoscopic mucosal resection	\$627.53	5302	\$1,427.29	\$248.40	N/A*
43254	Esphagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with endoscopic mucosal resection	\$627.53	5302	\$1,427.29	\$286.20	N/A*

Note: Alternative payment policies may apply when multiple services are performed at the same encounter, including but not limited to, multiple procedure payment reductions and comprehensive ambulatory payment classifications (C-APC).

¹2018 Medicare Ambulatory Surgery Center Fee Schedule

²2018 Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Fee Schedule

³2018 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

*N/A - Medicare has not developed a rate for the in-office setting because these procedures are typically performed in a hospital setting. Physicians should contact the Medicare contractor to determine if the service can be performed in-office. If the contractor determines that the service or procedure may be performed in-office, the physician will receive Medicare's physician fee schedule amount for procedures performed in the hospital/ASC.

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2018 physician fees for your local area can be found at the following CMS links:

<http://www.cms.gov/apps/physician-fee-schedule/overview.aspx>

or

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/index.html>



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