

Procedures Utilizing the Entuit® Gastrostomy Feeding Tube Product Line

2018 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 using the Entuit® Gastrostomy Feeding Tube Product Line. 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 (LCD's) 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 local medical director (www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/contacts), or commercial insurers to determine if a procedure is covered.

Coding

Gastrostomy procedures are typically reported using the following Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes:

Placement

49440	Insertion of gastrostomy tube, percutaneous, under fluoroscopic guidance including contrast injection(s), image documentation and report
	<i>NOTE: It is not necessary to report 43752 for placement of a nasogastric (NG) or orogastric (OG) tube to insufflate the stomach prior to the procedure as it is considered integral to 49440.</i>

Replacement

43760	Change of gastrostomy tube, percutaneous, without imaging or endoscopic guidance
49450	Replacement of gastrostomy or cecostomy (or other colonic) tube, percutaneous, under fluoroscopic guidance including contrast injection(s), image documentation and report

Removal

The manual removal of a gastrostomy tube would be included in the Evaluation and Management Service provided on that date. If only the removal of the gastrostomy tube was provided (i.e. no other E/M effort was provided that date), then the appropriate E/M code should be reported based on the key components performed to remove the gastrostomy tube on that date.¹

Gastropexy

Do not report gastropexy separately when performed in conjunction with gastrostomy tube placement as it is included in the work of 49440.²

¹ CPT® Knowledge Base. American Medical Association. KB #5093. March 2007.

² CPT® Knowledge Base. American Medical Association. KB Vignette for 49440.



Payment

2018 Medicare Reimbursement for Gastrostomy Procedures

CPT® Code	Procedure Description	Ambulatory Surgery Center	APC	Outpatient Hospital	Physician Services	
		Facility Payment (National Medicare Avg ³)		Facility Payment (National Medicare Avg ⁴)	Fee When Procedure Is Performed in Hospital or ASC (National Medicare Avg ⁵)	Fee When Procedure Is Performed in Office (National Medicare Avg ⁵)

Insertion

49440	Insertion of gastrostomy tube, percutaneous, under fluoroscopic guidance including contrast injection(s), image documentation and report	\$627.53	5302	\$1,427.29	\$215.28	\$989.27
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Replacement

43760	Change of gastrostomy tube, percutaneous, without imaging or endoscopic guidance	\$119.58	5371	\$229.51	\$48.96	\$507.59
49450	Replacement of gastrostomy or cecostomy (or other colonic) tube, percutaneous, under fluoroscopic guidance including contrast injection(s), image documentation and report	\$387.36	5301	\$743.44	\$69.48	\$681.83

³ 2018 Medicare Ambulatory Surgery Center Fee Schedule

⁴ 2018 Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Fee Schedule

⁵ 2018 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

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

<https://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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