



# Doppler

BLOOD FLOW MONITORING SYSTEM

## 2019 Coding and Reimbursement Guide for Doppler Blood Flow Monitoring System

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### Introduction

The Cook-Swartz Doppler Flow Probe consists of an ultrasound transducer assembly within a silicone cuff and a flow monitor. During free-flap transfers, the silicone cuff is sutured around the targeted blood vessel and stabilized by securing the device with sutures adjacent to the incision site. The Doppler flow probe is typically left in place for a period of 3-10 days and withdrawn through the incision site.

### Physician Coding and Reimbursement

Questions may arise regarding the correct CPT code to use in reporting the insertion of the Cook-Swartz Doppler Flow Probe during free-flap transfers. According to the relevant specialty societies, physicians should use the surgical code identifying the definitive procedure performed. No additional code(s) should be used to identify the placement of the Cook-Swartz Doppler Flow Probe.