

RADIOFREQUENCY CATHETER ABLATION

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I. CPT¹ PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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II. DESCRIPTION

Radiofrequency catheter ablation is a nonsurgical procedure used to cure certain abnormal heart rhythms. Radiofrequency catheter ablation of cardiac arrhythmic foci involves placement of multiple recording catheters within the heart for electrophysiologic localization and mapping of aberrant conduction pathways. An additional "ablative" catheter, which is connected to a radiofrequency energy source, is then positioned directly on the identified aberrant conducting tissue and the energy source is applied. This technique is not the same as cryoablation or direct current fulguration.

III. POLICY

Radiofrequency catheter ablation coverage may be provided to treat or correct abnormal heart rhythms.

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