

RADIOLOGIC GUIDANCE

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I. CPT¹ PROCEDURE CODES

Fluoroscopic Guidance: 77001 - 77003

Computed Tomography Guidance: 77011 - 77014

Magnetic Resonance Guidance: 77021 and 77022

Radiologic Other: 77031 and 77032

II. DESCRIPTION

A. Use of a fluoroscopy to examine deep structures by means of x-ray; it consists of a fluorescent screen covered with crystals of calcium tungstate on which are projected the shadows of x-rays passing through the body placed between the screen and the source of radiation.

B. Fluoroscopic guidance (CPT¹ procedure code 77001) for central venous placement, replacement or removal may be considered for cost-sharing. Fluoroscopic guidance (CPT¹ procedure code 77002) for needle placement (e.g., biopsy, aspiration, injection, localization device) may be considered for cost-sharing. Fluoroscopic guidance (CPT¹ procedure code 77003) and localization of needle or catheter tip for spine or paraspinal diagnostic or therapeutic injection procedures may be considered for cost-sharing.

C. Computed tomography guidance (CPT¹ procedure code 77011) for stereotactic localization, for guidance of needle placement (CPT¹ procedure code 77012); for guidance and monitoring of parenchymal tissue ablation (CPT¹ procedure code 77013); for guidance for placement of radiation therapy field (CPT¹ procedure code 77014) may be considered for cost-sharing.

D. Magnetic resonance guidance for needle placement (CPT¹ procedure code 77021); for guidance and monitoring of parenchymal tissue ablation (CPT¹ procedure code 77022) may be considered for cost-sharing.

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E. Stereotactic localization guidance for breast biopsy or needle placement (CPT² procedure code 77031) may be considered for cost-sharing.

F. Mammographic guidance for needle placement for wire localization or for injection, breast may be considered for cost-sharing (CPT² procedure code 77032).

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