



Surgery: Integumentary System - code to report CO2 laser resurfacing

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Question: What is the appropriate code to report for CO2 laser resurfacing of the facial area?

Answer: There is no specific CPT code that describes this procedure; therefore, the appropriate code to report for CO2 laser resurfacing of the face is code 17999, Unlisted procedure, skin, mucous membrane and subcutaneous tissue.

When reporting an unlisted code to describe a procedure or service, it is necessary to submit supporting documentation (eg, the procedure report) along with the claim to provide an adequate description of the nature, extent, and need for the procedure, and the time, effort, and equipment necessary to provide the service. Be aware that some payers may not be able to accept attachments to the initial claim. In those cases, information should be submitted in the electronic notepad.