

## Medicine: Noninvasive Vascular Diagnostic Studies

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**Question:** Is code 93971, Duplex scan of extremity veins including responses to compression and other maneuvers; unilateral or limited study, intended to represent one arm or one leg, or it is for both an arm and a leg on one side of the body? For example, if a duplex scan of both the right arm and the right leg was performed, would code 93971 be reported once, or would it be reported twice with a modifier on the second code?

**Answer:** Code 93971 may be reported once for a venous study of a single upper extremity and once for a venous study of a single lower extremity when both are studied. This code is intended to identify either the upper extremity or lower extremity when performed. Therefore, code 93971 may be reported twice to identify an upper and lower extremity study. Modifier 59, Distinct Procedural Service, may be appended to denote that these are a separate procedures. 