

Stereotaxic Depth Electrode Implantation (NCD 160.5)

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Application

This reimbursement policy applies to services reported using the Health Insurance Claim Form CMS-1500 or its electronic equivalent or its successor form, and services reported using facility claim form CMS-1450 or its electronic equivalent or its successor form. This policy applies to all products, all network and non-network physicians, and other health care professionals.

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Summary

Overview

The procedure employs thin wire electrodes which are implanted in the brain of the focal epileptic patient for electroencephalograph (EEG) monitoring. By taking several readings during seizure activity, the location of the epileptic focus may be found, so that better informed decisions can be made regarding the surgical treatment of persons with intractable seizures.

Reimbursement Guidelines

Stereotaxic depth electrode implantation prior to surgical treatment of focal epilepsy for patients who are unresponsive to anticonvulsant medications has been found both safe and effective for diagnosing resectable seizure foci that may go undetected by conventional scalp EEGs.

CPT/HCPCS Codes

Code	Description
61760	Stereotactic implantation of depth electrodes into the cerebrum for long-term seizure monitoring

ICP/PCS Codes

ICP Code	Description	PCS Code	Description
02.93	Implantation or replacement of intracranial neurostimulator lead(s)	00H00MZ	Insertion of neurostimulator lead into brain, open approach
		00H03MZ	Insertion of neurostimulator lead into brain, percutaneous approach
		00H04MZ	Insertion of neurostimulator lead into brain, percutaneous endoscopic approach
		00H60MZ	Insertion of neurostimulator lead into cerebral ventricle, open approach
		00H63MZ	Insertion of neurostimulator lead into cerebral ventricle, percutaneous approach
		00H64MZ	Insertion of neurostimulator lead into cerebral ventricle, percutaneous endoscopic approach
		00HE0MZ	Insertion of neurostimulator lead into cranial nerve, open approach
		00HE3MZ	Insertion of neurostimulator lead into cranial nerve, percutaneous approach
		00HE4MZ	Insertion of neurostimulator lead into cranial nerve, percutaneous endoscopic approach

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	00P00MZ	Removal of neurostimulator lead from brain, open approach
	00P03MZ	Removal of neurostimulator lead from brain, percutaneous approach
	00P04MZ	Removal of neurostimulator lead from brain, percutaneous endoscopic approach
	00P60MZ	Removal of neurostimulator lead from cerebral ventricle, open approach
	00P63MZ	Removal of neurostimulator lead from cerebral ventricle, percutaneous approach
	00P64MZ	Removal of neurostimulator lead from cerebral ventricle, percutaneous endoscopic approach
	00PE0MZ	Removal of neurostimulator lead from cranial nerve, open approach
	00PE3MZ	Removal of neurostimulator lead from cranial nerve, percutaneous approach
	00PE4MZ	Removal of neurostimulator lead from cranial nerve, percutaneous endoscopic approach
	00PEXMZ	Removal of neurostimulator lead from cranial nerve, external approach

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Neurologic Services and Procedures

History

Date	Revisions
12/18/2013	Annual review, no changes
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