

ULTRASOUND GUIDED PROCEDURE CODES 2024

US-GUIDED PROCEDURE

	CPT COL	CPT CODE DESCRIPTION	wRVU 2023	ADDITIONAL CPT CODE
US-GUIDED PERICARDIOCENTESIS	33016	Pericardiocentesis, including imaging guidance, when performed	4.40	
US GUIDED VASCULAR ACCESS PLACEMENT	+76937	Ultrasound Guidance for vascular access requiring ultrasound evaluation of potential access sites, documentation of selected vessel patency, concurrent realtime ultrasound visualization of vascular needle entry, with permanent recording and reporting (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) <sup>3</sup>	0.30	36410 (PIV 3 y/o+), 36406 (PIV <3 y/o) 36555 (CVL <5y/o), 36556 (CVL 5 y/o+)
US-GUIDED THORACENTESIS	32555	Thoracentesis and aspiration with a needle or catheter without leaving a catheter or needle.	2.27	
US-GUIDED PARACENTESIS	49083	Abdominal paracentesis with imaging guidance	2.00	
US-GUIDED INSERTION OF A NON-TUNNELED PICC AGE < 5 YO	36572	PICC insertion without subcutaneous port including image guidance.	1.82	
US-GUIDED INSERTION OF A NON-TUNNELED PICC AGE ≥ 5 YO	36573	PICC insertion without subcutaneous port including image guidance.	1.7	
MISCELLANEOUS ULTRASOUND-GUIDED PROCEDURE WITHOUT CATHETER - NON ORGAN SPECIFIC	76942		0.67	
US-GUIDED ABSCESS DRAINAGE	76942		0.67	10160 (single) OR 10061 (multiple)
US-GUIDED PERITONSILLAR ABSCESS DRAINAGE	76942		0.67	42700
US-GUIDED LUMBAR PUNCTURE	76942		0.67	62270
US-GUIDED SUPRAPUBIC ASPIRATION	76942		0.67	51100
US-GUIDED FB REMOVAL	76942		0.67	10120 (simple) OR 10121(complicated)
US-GUIDED JOINT ASPRIATION	20604	Arthrocentesis of small joint (fingers, toes)	0.89	
	20606	Arthrocentesis of medium joint (TMJ, AC, wrist, elbow, ankle)	1.00	
	20611	Arthrocentesis of large joint (shoulder, hip, knee)	1.10	
MISCELLANEOUS ULTRASOUND PROCEDURE	76999	Unlisted ultrasound procedure (eg. Diagnostic, interventional)	0.00	

NOTES

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Notes

1. Relevant images must be archived for all procedures. Dynamic images, however, are not required. Static images of the target vessel/structure is sufficient.
2. CMS designated add-on codes are procedures that are performed in conjunction with another primary procedure/service. These are designated by the "+" symbol in front of the code and are added onto the code of the primary procedure. Eg. placing a catheter in the vein is billed with ultrasound guided vascular access placement and coded as: 36000 +76937

ULTRASOUND GUIDED PROCEDURE (LEAVING A CATHETER IN PLACE) CODES

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US-GUIDED THORACENTESIS	32557	Thoracentesis and catheter placement, with U/S guidance. Requires image of site to be localized but does not require image of the needle in site	3.12
US-GUIDED PERICARDIOCENTESIS (6 years old and up)	33017	Pericardial drainage with insertion of indwelling catheter, percutaneous, including ultrasound guidance, when performed	4.62
US-GUIDED PERICARDIOCENTESIS (birth through 5 years or any age with congenital cardiac anomaly)	33018	Pericardial drainage with insertion of indwelling catheter, percutaneous,	5.4
IMAGE GUIDED FLUID COLLECTION DRAINAGE BY CATHETER, SOFT TISSUE	10030	(eg. abscess, hematoma, seroma, lymphocele, cyst), soft tissue (eg. extremity, abdominal wall, neck), percutaneous, includes moderate sedation when used. Must leave catheter in place for drainage.	2.75
IMAGE GUIDED FLUID COLLECTION DRAINAGE BY CATHETER, VISCERAL PERCUTANEOUS	49405	(eg. abscess, hematoma, seroma, lymphocele, cyst), visceral (eg. bladder),	4
IMAGE GUIDED FLUID COLLECTION DRAINAGE BY CATHETER, PERITONEAL/RETROPERITONEAL PERCUTANEOUS APPROACH	49406	(eg. abscess, hematoma, seroma, lymphocele, cyst), peritoneal/retroperitoneal percutaneous, includes moderate sedation when used. Must leave catheter in place for drainage.	4
IMAGE GUIDED FLUID COLLECTION DRAINAGE BY CATHETER, PERITONEAL/RETROPERITONEAL TRANSVAGINAL/TRANSRECTAL APPROACH	49407	(eg. abscess, hematoma, seroma, lymphocele, cyst), peritoneal/retroperitoneal transvaginal/transrectal includes moderate sedation when used. Must leave catheter in place for drainage.	4.25