

THORACIC SURGERY

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Referred Cases

79010	Consultation: To include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, and a written report	139.29	
79012	Repeat or Limited Consultation: To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.....	62.71	
	<u>Continuing Care by Consultant:</u>		
79007	Subsequent office visit.....	27.80	
79008	Subsequent hospital visit.....	23.72	
79009	Subsequent home visit	47.79	
79005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premiums).....	95.36	

Note: Claim must state time service rendered.

Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient

79210	Telehealth Consultation: To include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, and a written report.....	139.29	
79212	Telehealth Repeat or Limited Consultation: To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	62.71	
79207	Telehealth subsequent office visit	27.80	
79208	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	23.72	

Lung Surgery

	Lobe:		
79015	Lobectomy	1,307.36	8
79020	Bronchoplasty (extra to lobectomy)	237.04	9
	Entire Lung:		
79025	Pneumonectomy.....	1,420.53	9
	Other Lung Operations:		
79030	Segmental resection of lung (operative report required).....	1,307.36	8
79035	Thoracotomy, including wedge resection	733.51	8
P79036	- each additional wedge resection of lung when done thoroscopically, to a maximum of two extra	75.00	
79040	Drainage of lung abscess - operation only	490.24	8

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Thoracotomy (Miscellaneous):		
S07924	Decompression of traumatic pneumothorax – operation only.....	37.47 4
79045	Exploratory thoracotomy with or without biopsy or removal of foreign body.....	741.85 8
79050	Decortication of lung.....	1,143.73 8
79055	Pleurectomy.....	733.51 8
79060	Intrathoracic tumour – without lung involvement.....	985.05 8

Airway Surgery

Trachea:		
79065	Tracheal resection.....	924.02 10
79070	- with laryngeal release, extra.....	456.10 10
79075	- with hilar release, extra.....	456.10 10
02420	Dilation of trachea (operation only).....	81.33 5
02421	- repeat within one month (operation only).....	37.52 5
02407	Tracheostomy.....	287.77 5
<i>Note: Not applicable to cricothyrotomy puncture</i>		
Bronchus:		
79080	Closure of bronchopleural fistula.....	913.61 10
79085	Repair of ruptured bronchus.....	924.02 9
07949	Laser therapy for intra-tracheal or intra-bronchial tumour - to include endoscopy.....	446.16 7
02450	Bronchoscopy or microlaryngoscopy with removal of foreign body.....	250.23 6
02422	- in a child under the age of 3 years.....	373.25 6
Micro-surgery with use of carbon dioxide laser for removal of tumour(s) of larynx or trachea:		
02430	- first procedure.....	436.87 6
02435	- subsequent procedure, each.....	436.87 6
Notes:		
i) Maximum of 5 subsequent procedures in six (6) month period, otherwise support with written letter.		
ii) Microsurgery treatment with CO ₂ laser other than removal of tumour(s) of larynx or trachea, bill under 02599 with operative report.		

Mediastinal Surgery

79095	Mediastinal cyst or tumour.....	1,020.40 8
79100	Thymectomy.....	762.28 8

Chest Wall Surgery

79105	Rib resection for empyema.....	477.12 6
79110	Closure of pleurostomy following long term management of empyema with rib section.....	477.12 6
79115	Pectus excavatum and carinatum.....	743.91 8
79120	Thoracoplasty.....	743.91 6
79125	Cervical rib resection.....	345.68 5
79130	Trans-axillary resection of first rib.....	832.53 5
79135	Chest wall tumour with rib resection.....	973.96 6

Diaphragm Surgery

V70601	Repair of para-oesophageal hiatus hernia transabdominal, with or without fundoplication.....745.31	6
	<i>Note: For anti-reflux procedures, funduplications, etc., please see Oesophageal section (in General Surgery).</i>	

Diaphragmatic or other hernia to include fundoplication, vagotomy and drainage procedure where indicated:

V70602	- open.....745.31	6
VC70603	- laparoscopic745.31	6
VC70604	Congenital diaphragmatic hernia.....748.45	9

Repair diaphragmatic hernia or laceration; thoracic or abdominal approach:

VC70605	- acute (traumatic)788.95	8
VC70606	- chronic722.34	8
V70607	Imbrication of diaphragm for eventration, transthoracic or transabdominal659.70	8
V07431	Repair diaphragmatic injury788.95	8

Surgical Assistant:

T70019	Certified surgical assistant (where it is necessary for one certified surgeon to assist another certified surgeon, an explanation of the need is required except for procedures prefixed by the letter "C") - for up to one hour251.70	
	<i>Note: Time is calculated at the earliest, from the time of physician/patient contact in the operating suite.</i>	

T70020	Time after one hour of continuous certified surgical assistance for one patient, up to and including 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient - each 15 minutes or fraction thereof.....26.28	
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Notes:

- i) After 3 hours of continual surgical assistance for one patient, bill under fee item 00198 (time after 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof).
- ii) Please indicate start and end time of service on claim.

Oesophageal Surgery

Oesophagus – Incision

70500	Oesophagotomy - cervical approach with removal of foreign body526.42	5
V70501	- thoracic approach with removal of foreign body.....625.30	8
V70502	Cricopharyngeal myotomy - cervical approach460.30	4

Oesophagus – Excision

Excision of lesion, oesophagus, with primary repair:

VC70530	- cervical approach526.42	6
VC70531	- thoracic or abdominal approach; open.....762.62	8
VC70532	- thoracic or abdominal approach; laparoscopic or thorascopic.....762.62	8

Total or near total oesophagectomy; without thoracotomy (Transhiatal):		
• With pharyngogastrostomy or cervical oesophagostomy, with or without pyloroplasty:		
V70533	- primary surgeon	1,402.95 8
70503	- secondary surgeon.....	465.00
• With colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):		
V70534	- primary surgeon	1,640.97 8
70504	- secondary surgeon.....	465.00
Total or near total oesophagectomy; with thoracotomy; with or without pyloroplasty (3 hole):		
V70535	- primary surgeon	1,603.39 8
70505	- secondary surgeon.....	465.00
• With colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):		
V70536	- primary surgeon	1,828.87 8
70506	- secondary surgeon.....	465.00
V70538	Partial oesophagectomy, distal 2/3, with thoracotomy and separate abdominal incision and thoracic oesophagostomy. [Includes proximal gastrectomy and pyloroplasty (Ivor Lewis), if required.]	1,603.39 8
• With colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):		
V70539	- primary surgeon	1,828.87 8
70509	- secondary surgeon.....	465.00
VC70540	Partial oesophagectomy, thoraco-abdominal or abdominal approach; with oesophagostomy (Includes vagotomy. Includes proximal gastrectomy, pyloroplasty, and splenectomy if required).	1,402.95 8
• With colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):		
V70541	- primary surgeon	1,640.97 8
70511	- secondary surgeon.....	465.00
VC70542	Total or partial oesophagectomy, without reconstruction (any approach), with cervical oesophagostomy (includes gastrostomy)	1,052.82 6
Diverticulectomy of hypopharynx or oesophagus, with or without myotomy:		
V70545	- cervical approach	526.42 6
V70544	- thoracic approach.....	641.35 8
Upper Gastrointestinal System – Endoscopy (Surgical)		
SP33321	Removal of foreign material causing obstruction, operation only.....	99.95 4
Notes:		
i) Paid only in addition to SP10761 or SP10762.		
ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.		

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SP33322 Therapeutic injection(s), sclerosis, band ligation, and/or clipping for GI hemorrhage, bleeding esophageal varices or other pathologic conditions – operation only	114.44	3
Notes:		
i) Paid only once per endoscopy.		
ii) Paid only in addition to SP10761 or SP10762.		
SP33323 Transendoscopic tube, stent or catheter – operation only	99.90	3
Notes:		
i) Paid only in addition to SP10761 or SP10762.		
ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.		
SP33324 Thermal coagulation – heater probe and laser, operation only.....	41.77	3
Notes:		
i) Paid only in addition to SP10761 or SP10762.		
ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.		
SP33325 Gastric polypectomy, operation only	158.36	5
Notes:		
i) Paid only in addition to SP10761 or SP10762.		
ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.		
SP33326 Percutaneous endoscopically placed feeding tube – operation only	72.36	3
Notes:		
i) Paid only in addition to SP10761 or SP10762.		
ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.		
SP33327 Endoscopic repositioning of the gastric feeding tube through the duodenum for enteric nutrition, operation only	13.97	3
Notes:		
i) Paid only in addition to SP10761 or SP10762.		
ii) Paid only once per endoscopy.		
SP33328 Esophageal dilation, blind bouginage, operation only	56.14	3
Note: Repeats within one month paid at 100%.		
SP33329 Esophageal dilation or dilation of pathological stricture, by any method, except blind bouginage, under direct vision or radiologic guidance, operation only	106.92	3
Note: Repeats within one month paid at 100%.		

Oesophagus - Repair

V71530 Cervical oesophagostomy	521.12	5
V71531 Repair tracheo-oesophageal fistula – cervical approach	788.95	6
Note: 71530 and 71531 include gastrostomy.		
Oesophagoplasty, (plastic repair or reconstruction) thoracic approach:		
VC71532 - without repair of tracheo-oesophageal fistula	881.86	8
VC71533 - with repair of tracheo-oesophageal fistula	1,020.21	8
V71534 Division of tracheo-oesophageal fistula without oesophageal anastomosis (thoracic approach)	788.95	8
Note: C71533 and 71534 include gastrostomy.		

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Oesophagogastric fundoplasty (e.g.: Nissen, Belsey IV, Hill procedures); antireflux:		
VC71535	- laparoscopic902.93	6
V71536	- open.....722.34	6
VC71537	Oesophagogastric fundoplasty; with fundic patch (Thal-Nissen procedure); abdominal and/or thoracic approach.....776.62	8
V71538	- with gastroplasty - Collis.....776.62	8
Plastic operation for cardiospasm; Heller:		
VC71539	- thoracic approach - open.....659.62	8
VC71540	- laparoscopic or thorascopic (endoscopy to be billed separately)824.53	6
VC71541	- with fundoplication - open.....921.94	6
VC71542	- with fundoplication - laparoscopic1,152.43	6
Gastrointestinal reconstruction for previous oesophagectomy; for obstructing oesophageal lesion or fistula, or for previous oesophageal exclusion:		
VC71543	- with stomach; with or without pyloroplasty1,402.95	6
VC71544	- with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es).....1,640.97	6
Suture of oesophageal wound or injury:		
V71548	- cervical approach425.82	6
VC71549	- transthoracic or transabdominal approach.....761.61	8
Closure of oesophagostomy or fistula:		
VC71550	- cervical approach529.13	6
VC71551	- transthoracic or transabdominal approach.....801.69	8
02449	Rigid oesophagoscopy for removal of foreign body187.67	4
C02473	Laryngo-pharyngo-oesophagectomy – primary excision only1,553.88	6
Miscellaneous Surgery		
70023	Excisional biopsy of lymph glands for suspected malignancy: - neck (operation only).....131.24	3
V70624	Pyloromyotomy, cutting of pyloric muscle (Fredet-Ramstedt type operation)....394.48	5
V07630	Gastrostomy – open329.17	5
S32031	Closed drainage of chest – operations only105.08	4
79140	Anterior scalenotomy.....192.42	3
Diagnostic Procedures		
Thoracic procedures:		
Procedures involving visualization by instrumentation:		
S00700	Bronchoscopy or bronchofibroscope - procedural fee.....87.71	4
S00702	Bronchoscopy with biopsy - procedural fee.....150.00	4
S00719	Thoracoscopy166.65	7
S00701	Direct laryngoscopy - procedural fee.....36.97	5
<i>Note: 00701 not payable with bronchoscopy, except when done under general anesthesiology.</i>		

Upper Gastrointestinal System:

SP10761	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) , including collection of specimens by brushing or washing, per oral - procedural fee	88.00	3
SP10762	Rigid esophagoscopy, including collection of specimens by brushing or washing, - procedural fee	73.29	3
SP10763	Initial esophageal, gastric or duodenal biopsy	28.50	3
	Notes:		
	i) Paid only in addition to SP10761, SP10762 and SY10750 to a maximum of three biopsies per endoscopy, in one organ or multiple organs.		
	ii) First biopsy paid at 100%, second and third at 50%.		
SP10764	Multiple biopsies for differential diagnoses of Barrett's Esophagus, H pylori, Eosinophiic Esophagitis, infection of stomach, surveillance for high or low grade dysplasia, or carcinoma	42.75	3
	Notes:		
	i) Paid only once per endoscopy.		
	ii) Paid only in addition to SP10763 at 100%.		
	iii) Only applicable to services submitted under diagnostic codes 530, 041, 235, and 234.9.		
S00710	Mediastinoscopy or anterior mediastinotomy (combined 50% extra) - procedural fee	188.13	4

Diagnostic procedures utilizing radiological equipment:

The following fees are separate from the fees for the radiological part of this examination and should be charged by the attending physician or by the radiologist who performs the procedure, e.g.: instrumentation or injection of contrast materials:

S00736	Bronchial brushing in conjunction with bronchoscopy (bronchoscopy extra) - procedural fee extra	65.45	4
S00868	Percutaneous gastrostomy/gastrojejunostomy - procedural fee	265.50	2

Needle Biopsy Procedures

These biopsies include only those done by needle. Biopsies involving the incision of skin or mucous membrane or involving total or partial removal of a lesion are regarded as surgical procedures, i.e. biopsy of breast, brain, larynx, skin, facial skin, lymph nodes, prostate, etc.:

S00745	Peripheral or subcutaneous lymph node biopsy - procedure fee	47.10	2
S00749	Parietal pleural, including thoracentesis - procedural fee	46.02	2

Puncture procedures for obtaining body fluids (when performed for diagnostic purposes):

S00751	Pericardial puncture - procedural fee	132.00	3
S00755	Artery puncture - procedural fee	6.25	2
S00759	Paracentesis - (thoracic) or transtracheal aspiration - procedural fee	21.67	2

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Miscellaneous:

S00797	Oesophageal motility test	134.58
S00788	- technical fee	72.92
S00798	- professional fee	61.66
S00818	Oesophageal pH study for reflux, extra	
	- professional fee	40.04
S00817	- technical fee	12.21