

Nerve Conduction and Needle EMG

Reimbursement and Coding Resources (2013)

As a courtesy to our customers, CardiacDirect has developed the attached general reimbursement guide for procedures performed with the Focus EMG machine. CardiacDirect is an equipment company and, as such, does not participate in or advise customers on how to bill for the services provided to your patients.

Prior to purchase, CardiacDirect recommends that you contact your local insurance carrier to inquire about their coding and reimbursement policies for the procedures performed with the Focus EMG machine.

For Medicare coverage/reimbursement guidelines for specific localities, CardiacDirect recommends the American Medical Association's ("AMA") Coding Online resources available on the web at:

<https://ocm.ama-assn.org/OCM/CPTRelativeValueSearch.do>

For Private insurance carriers, these coverage/reimbursement guidelines may significantly differ from Medicare and healthcare providers are strongly encouraged to contact their insurance carriers to inquire about the guidelines in their localities. It is the sole responsibility of the healthcare provider to ensure that it is in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and rules that may govern reimbursement for a nerve conduction or needle EMG study.

Nerve Conduction CPT Codes (Starting 01/01/2013)

Starting January 1, 2013, Nerve Conductions CPT Codes **95900, 95903, 95904, 95934 and 95936** that have been used for billing for Nerve Conduction Studies **will be eliminated.**

This effectively means that at the end of a study, the provider needs to count the number of nerves they have studied and use the corresponding CPT code listed below to bill for it. In this coding system there is **no longer any difference** between a sensory nerve conduction study, a motor nerve conduction study with or without F-wave, or an H-Reflex, they are all called a nerve.

- Use Code 95907 for the study of 1-2 nerves
- Use Code 95908 for the study of 3-4 nerves
- Use Code 95909 for the study of 5-6 nerves
- Use Code 95910 for the study of 7-8 nerves
- Use Code 95911 for the study of 9-10 nerves
- Use Code 95912 for the study of 11-12 nerves
- Use Code 95913 for the study of 13 or more nerves

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Needle Exam CPT Codes (Started on 01/01/2012)

When Needle exam and Nerve conductions are performed on THE SAME DAY

In addition to the Nerve Conductions CPT codes above, **Code 95885**, Needle EMG each extremity, should be used **if 4 muscles or less are studied in an extremity**

If 5 muscles or more are studied in that extremity, in addition to the Nerve Conduction CPT codes above, **Code 95886**, Needle EMG each extremity, should be used.

When Needle exam & Nerve conductions are done on TWO SEPARATE DAYS

In addition to the Nerve Conductions CPT codes above, **Code 95870**, Needle EMG each extremity, should be used **if 4 muscles or less are studied in an extremity**

If 5 muscles or more are studied in that extremity, in addition to the Nerve Conductions CPT codes above:

- CPT Code 95860, Needle EMG should be used for the study of one extremity
- CPT Code 95861, Needle EMG should be used for the study of two extremities
- CPT Code 95863, Needle EMG should be used for the study of three extremities
- CPT Code 95864, Needle EMG should be used for the study of four extremities

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