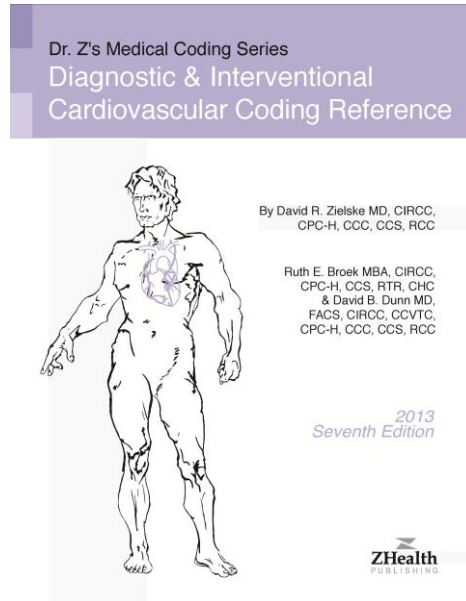


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8. Code 93656 (atrial fibrillation by pulmonary vein isolation technique) includes the diagnostic study (code 93619 or 93620), left atrial study (code 93621), and transseptal approach (code 93462); however, mapping (code 93609 or 93613), and left ventricular study (code 93622) can be additionally reported if performed. If atrial fibrillation persists after pulmonary vein isolation technique (ablation), and an additional linear or focal ablation in the right or left atrium is necessary to treat the atrial fibrillation, use add-on code 93657. If a different type of arrhythmia (such as ~~atrial flutter~~ **SVT**) is noted after pulmonary vein isolation, and this other arrhythmia is ablated at the same session, use add-on code 93655. **According to the Heart Rhythm Society 2013 Coding Guide, ablation of atrial flutter after pulmonary vein isolation is reported with add-on code 93657.**

9. Per the NCCI Policy Manual for Medicare Services, code 93623 cannot be submitted with ablation codes 93650-93657. (CPT 2013 states code 93623 can be submitted with code 93656). ~~This is a grey zone; however, we recommend following NCCI guidelines and hope these conflicting instructions will be clarified soon. We will put on our website if resolved.~~ **According to the Heart Rhythm Society, a correction is in process, and this edit should be corrected by April 1, 2013.**

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26. Do report code 93623 for infusion of medications that may affect the irritability of the myocardium or ability to induce arrhythmia during a diagnostic study. These drugs may include isoproterenol, epinephrine, procainamide, and dobutamine. ~~Code 93623 cannot be used with the ablation codes (93650-93657), per the NCCI Policy Manual for Medicare Services.~~

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31. Routine complete electrophysiology evaluations for SVT (including left atrial evaluation from the coronary sinus) with 3D mapping and drug testing with Isuprel are coded 93613, 93620, 93621, and 93623, as long as all elements are necessary and documented. If an ablation is performed, report code 93653 for SVT ablation. SVT ablation procedures bundle codes 93620, 93621, and 93623. **According to the Heart Rhythm Society, the edit bundling code 93623 will be corrected on April 1, 2013.**

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EXAMPLES

- 7) *Same case as #6, however, after pulmonary vein isolation, the patient is noted to have atrial flutter. This is mapped to the right atrium. Ablation is successfully performed (add-on code ~~93655~~ **93657** is used in addition to pulmonary vein isolation code 93656 in this example). Isuprel is infused in an attempt to re-induce the arrhythmia (no code). The patient remains in normal sinus rhythm.*

REFERENCES (add to end of reference list)

Heart Rhythm Society, Coding Guide for Heart Rhythm Procedures and Services 2013, pages 106-108