

ERRATA for *Vascular & Endovascular Surgery Coding Reference* 2020 Edition

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Page 185, Code Table

Creation of arteriovenous fistula, percutaneous, direct, any site, including all imaging and radiologic supervision and interpretation, when performed and secondary procedures to redirect blood flow (e.g., transluminal balloon angioplasty, coil embolization, when performed)	€9754	5194	N/A	Bundled		
Creation of arteriovenous fistula, percutaneous using magnetic-guided arterial and venous catheters and radiofrequency energy, including flow-directing procedures (e.g., vascular coil embolization with radiologic supervision and interpretation, when performed) and fistulogram(s), angiography, venography, and/or ultrasound, with radiologic supervision and interpretation, when performed	€9755	5194	N/A	Bundled		
Percutaneous arteriovenous fistula creation (AVF), direct, any site, by tissue approximation using thermal resistance energy, and secondary procedures to redirect blood flow (e.g., transluminal balloon angioplasty, coil embolization) when performed, and includes all imaging and radiologic guidance, supervision and interpretation, when performed	G2170	5194	N/A	Bundled		
Percutaneous arteriovenous fistula creation (AVF), direct, any site, using magnetic-guided arterial and venous catheters and radiofrequency energy, including flow-directing procedures (e.g., vascular coil embolization with radiologic supervision and interpretation, when performed) and fistulogram(s), angiography, venography, and/or ultrasound, with radiologic supervision and interpretation, when performed	G2171	5194	N/A	Bundled		

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29. HCPCS Level II code ~~€9754~~ **G2170** describes percutaneous AV fistula creation by direct approach.
30. HCPCS Level II code ~~€9755~~ **G2171** describes percutaneous AV fistula creation by using magnetized arterial and venous catheters.
31. Procedures described by codes ~~€9754~~ **G2170** and ~~€9755~~ **G2171** include use of RF energy to fuse the artery and vein (without sutures), any imaging to guide access to the vessels (ultrasound), all catheter placements, all contrast venography and angiography, radiologic S&I, balloon dilation of the venous outflow, embolization of branches to facilitate maturation of the fistula, and any other procedures to redirect blood flow.
32. Facilities (hospitals and ASCs) **Providers** report code ~~€9754~~ **G2170** for AV fistula creation using the Ellipsys system. Physicians report ~~unlisted code 37799~~. **For physician billing, code G2170 is Carrier priced.**
33. Facilities (hospitals and ASCs) **Providers** report code ~~€9755~~ **G2171** for AV fistula creation using the everlinQ system. Physicians report ~~unlisted code 37799~~. **For physician billing, code G2171 is Carrier priced.**

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Transcatheter intraoperative blood vessel microinfusion(s) (e.g., intraluminal, vascular wall and/or perivascular) therapy, any vessel, including radiological supervision and interpretation, when performed	C9759	N/A	N/A	Bundled
Chemotherapy administration, intra-arterial; push technique	96420	5694	2.93	

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59. Report HCPCS Level II code C9759 for hospital billing of intravascular microinfusion using a catheter such as the “BullFrog” microinfusion balloon catheter. This code is effective July 1, 2020.

60. Report unlisted CPT code 37799 for physician billing of intravascular microinfusion.

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5. HCPCS Level II codes E9754 G2170 and E9755 G2171 (for percutaneous creation of an AV fistula) bundle all catheter placements and embolization of branches necessary to redirect blood flow to facilitate fistula maturation. Do not report code 37241 or 36909 with these AV fistula creation procedures.

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Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, femoral, popliteal artery(s), unilateral; with transluminal angioplasty	37224	5192	12.95	N/A
Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, any vessel(s); with intravascular lithotripsy, includes angioplasty within the same vessel(s), when performed	C9764	5192	N/A	N/A

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13. Do not code angioplasty to treat a segment of the same vessel that has been treated with a lithoplasty balloon for hospital billing. When only lithoplasty and angioplasty are performed, report HCPCS Level II code C9764, beginning July 1, 2020.

14. For physician billing, lithoplasty is coded the same as a POBA.

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43. Cryoplasty is considered by CMS to be a PTA. To avoid confusion, it should be documented by the physician as a *balloon angioplasty* utilizing a Polar cath balloon. The lower extremity and coronary revascularization codes allow use of cryoplasty and cutting balloons as angioplasty balloons (per CPT code description). Similarly, lithoplasty utilizes an angioplasty device that also disrupts arterial wall calcification to facilitate better results in patients with calcified stenoses, and is reported with the existing angioplasty codes.

45. Lithoplasty (angioplasty with a catheter that also disrupts vessel wall calcification) is coded the same as POBA.

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58. Do not report venoplasty during percutaneous AV fistula creation procedures described by codes E9754 G2170 and E9755 G2171, as any balloon dilation is bundled. Embolization of branches during this procedure is also bundled. Physicians report unlisted code 37799.

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Transluminal peripheral atherectomy, open or percutaneous, including radiological supervision and interpretation; iliac artery, each vessel	0238T	5194	0.00	0238T	5194	0.00
Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, any vessel(s); with intravascular lithotripsy and atherectomy, includes angioplasty within the same vessel(s), when performed	C9766	5193	N/A	C9766	5193	N/A
Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, any vessel(s); with intravascular lithotripsy and transluminal stent placement(s), and atherectomy, includes angioplasty within the same vessel(s), when performed	C9767	5194	N/A	C9767	5194	N/A

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8. For hospital billing to Medicare, atherectomy and balloon lithoplasty are not reported separately. Report code C9766 for lithoplasty and atherectomy or C9767 for lithoplasty, atherectomy, and stent placement in the same vessel. Angioplasty is bundled, if performed. Codes C9766 and C9767 are effective July 1, 2020, for hospital billing.
9. For physician billing, lithoplasty is coded the same as a POBA.

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Endovascular repair of iliac artery, not associated with placement of an aorto-iliac artery endograft at the same session, by deployment of an iliac branched endograft, including pre-procedure sizing and device selection, all ipsilateral selective iliac artery catheterization(s), all associated radiological supervision and interpretation, and all endograft extension(s) proximally to the aortic bifurcation and distally in the internal iliac, external iliac, and common femoral artery(ies), and treatment zone angioplasty/stenting, when performed, for other than rupture (eg, for aneurysm, pseudoaneurysm, dissection, arteriovenous malformation, penetrating ulcer), unilateral	♦34718	N/A	36.08	Bundled
Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, any vessel(s); with intravascular lithotripsy, and transluminal stent placement(s), includes angioplasty within the same vessel(s), when performed	C9765	5193	N/A	Bundled
Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, any vessel(s); with intravascular lithotripsy and transluminal stent placement(s), and atherectomy, includes angioplasty within the same vessel(s), when performed	C9767	5194	N/A	Bundled

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26. Do not report stent placement, atherectomy, or angioplasty in the same vessel that is treated with balloon lithoplasty for hospital billing. Report HCPCS Level II code C9765 when lithoplasty and stent placement are performed, or code C9767 when lithoplasty, atherectomy, and stent placement are performed in the same vessel. Angioplasty is bundled, if performed. Codes C9765 and C9767 are effective July 1, 2020, for hospital billing.
27. For physician billing, lithoplasty is coded the same as a POBA.

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Lithoplasty				
Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, any vessel(s); with intravascular lithotripsy, includes angioplasty within the same vessel(s), when performed	C9764	5192	N/A	Bundled

Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, any vessel(s); with intravascular lithotripsy, and transluminal stent placement(s), includes angioplasty within the same vessel(s), when performed	C9765	5193	N/A	Bundled
Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, any vessel(s); with intravascular lithotripsy and atherectomy, includes angioplasty within the same vessel(s), when performed	C9766	5193	N/A	Bundled
Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, any vessel(s); with intravascular lithotripsy and transluminal stent placement(s), and atherectomy, includes angioplasty within the same vessel(s), when performed	C9767	5194	N/A	Bundled

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7. Effective July 1, 2020, for hospital Medicare billing, HCPCS Level II codes C9764 – C9767 are used to report revascularization procedures that include intravascular lithoplasty. Report only one of these codes per vessel/vascular territory based on the types of revascularization performed:
- Report code C9764 when only lithoplasty is performed in a vessel. Angioplasty, if performed, is included.
 - Report code C9765 when lithoplasty and stent placement are performed in a vessel. Angioplasty, if performed, is included.
 - Report code C9766 when lithoplasty and atherectomy are performed in a vessel. Angioplasty, if performed, is included.
 - Report code C9767 when lithoplasty, stent placement, and atherectomy are all performed in a vessel. Angioplasty, if performed, is included.
 - Follow the same reporting rules by territory as for other lower extremity revascularization procedures.
8. For physician billing, lithoplasty is coded the same as a POBA.

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Creation of arteriovenous fistula, percutaneous; direct, any site, including all imaging and radiologic supervision and interpretation, when performed and secondary procedures to redirect blood flow (e.g., transluminal balloon angioplasty, coil embolization, when performed)	C9754	5194	N/A	Bundled		
Creation of arteriovenous fistula, percutaneous using magnetic-guided arterial and venous catheters and radiofrequency energy, including flow-directing procedures (e.g., vascular coil embolization with radiologic supervision and interpretation, when performed) and fistulogram(s), angiography, venography, and/or ultrasound, with radiologic supervision and interpretation, when performed	C9755	5194	N/A	Bundled		
Percutaneous arteriovenous fistula creation (AVF), direct, any site, by tissue approximation using thermal resistance energy, and secondary procedures to redirect blood flow (e.g., transluminal balloon angioplasty, coil embolization) when performed, and includes all imaging and radiologic guidance, supervision and interpretation, when performed	G2170	5194	N/A	Bundled		
Percutaneous arteriovenous fistula creation (AVF), direct, any site, using magnetic-guided arterial and venous catheters and radiofrequency energy, including flow-directing procedures (e.g., vascular coil embolization with radiologic supervision and interpretation, when performed) and fistulogram(s), angiography, venography, and/or ultrasound, with radiologic supervision and interpretation, when performed	G2171	5194	N/A	Bundled		

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4. A new approach to dialysis circuit creation involves percutaneously accessing a peripheral artery and vein and creating a fistula. Two unique systems received FDA approved **approval** in June 2018.
5. The Ellipsys® Vascular Access System utilizes a single percutaneous venous access (with direct access into the adjacent artery) and thermal energy to fuse a sutureless, permanent AV anastomosis for this percutaneous AV fistula creation. As there are no implants or sutures, many of the risks of open surgical creation are negated. Hospitals **Effective July 1, 2020, hospitals and physicians** report HCPCS Level II code **€9754 G2170** for the entire Ellipsys **Ellipsys** procedure. ~~Physicians report unlisted code 37799.~~
6. The everlinQ® endoAVF System utilizes percutaneously placed magnetized catheters to localize and facilitate AV fistula creation using RF energy. Hospitals **Effective July 1, 2020, hospitals and physicians** report HCPCS Level II code **€9755 G2171** for the entire everlinQ procedure. ~~Physicians report unlisted code 37799.~~
7. Procedures described by hospital codes **€9754 G2170** and **€9755 G2171** include use of RF energy to fuse the artery and vein (without sutures), any imaging to guide access to the vessels (ultrasound), all catheter placements, all contrast venography and angiography, radiologic S&I, balloon dilation of the venous outflow, embolization of branches to facilitate maturation of the fistula, and any other procedures to redirect blood flow. ~~Physicians report unlisted code 37799.~~

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19. **Do not** use codes 37241 and 37244 for embolization of dialysis circuit vessels. This procedure is described by add-on code 36909, which includes the catheter placement and embolization of one or more venous branches. When embolization of branches is done at the time of AV fistula creation (**€9754 G2170, €9755 G2171**), the catheter placements and embolization are bundled and not reported.

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64. ~~Percutaneous AV fistula creation can be performed using the Ellipsys or everlinQ vascular access systems. Both devices are FDA approved.~~

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60. If an arterial exposure is performed to create a conduit for delivery of an endovascular prosthesis, it may be additionally reported with code 34714 (femoral), 34716 (iliac) (**axillary/subclavian**), or 34833 (axillary/subclavian) (**iliac**). These codes may be reported with codes 33880-33886, 34701-34708, 34841-34848, and 34718 (EVAR, FEVAR, TEVAR, and iliac endograft procedures).

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26. If an arterial exposure is performed to create a conduit for delivery of an endovascular prosthesis, it may be additionally reported with code 34714 (femoral), 34716 (iliac) (**axillary/subclavian**), or 34833 (axillary/subclavian) (**iliac**). These codes may be reported with codes 33880-33886, 34701-34708, 34718, and 34841-34848 (EVAR, FEVAR, TEVAR, and iliac endograft procedures).

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15. If an open arterial exposure is performed to create a conduit for cardiopulmonary bypass, it may be additionally reported with code 34714 (femoral), 34716 (iliac) (**axillary/subclavian**), or 34833 (axillary/subclavian) (**iliac**). These codes may be reported in addition to codes 33305, 33315, 33322, and 33335.

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1. Codes include cardiopulmonary bypass when performed. However, if an open arterial exposure is performed to create a conduit for cardiopulmonary bypass, it may be additionally reported with code 34714 (femoral), 34716 (iliac) (**axillary/subclavian**), or 34833 (**axillary/subclavian**) (**iliac**). These codes may be reported in addition to codes 33802, 33803, 33814, 33820, 33822, 33824, 33840, 33845, 33851, and 33853.

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Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging for morphology and function, quantification of segmental dysfunction; with strain imaging (Hospital only)	C9762	5524	N/A
Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging for morphology and function, quantification of segmental dysfunction; with stress imaging (Hospital only)	C9763	5524	N/A
Injection, gadoterate meglumine, 0.1 ml	A9575	N/A	N/A

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14. HCPCS codes C9762 and C9763 are effective July 1, 2020, to describe strain imaging and stress imaging associated with strain-encoded cardiac MRI. These codes may only be used for hospital billing.
15. Report code C9762 for cardiac MRI with strain imaging. All components of the procedure are included.
16. Report code C9762 for cardiac MRI with stress imaging. All components of the procedure are included.
17. There are no codes for physician billing of these services.

Page 727, Charge Sheet - Arteriography & Revascularization

Add the following codes to the bottom of “Percutaneous Angioplasty”:

Lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9764	N/A
Stent placement with lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9765	N/A
Atherectomy with lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9766	N/A
Stent placement, atherectomy, and lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9767	N/A

Add the following codes to the bottom of “Endovascular Lower Extremity Revascularization”:

Lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9764	N/A
Stent placement with lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9765	N/A
Atherectomy with lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9766	N/A
Stent placement, atherectomy, and lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9767	N/A

Add the following codes to the bottom of “Atherectomy”:

Atherectomy with lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9766	N/A
Stent placement, atherectomy, and lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9767	N/A

Add the following codes to the bottom of “Percutaneous Stent Placement - Not Lower Extremity”:

Stent placement with lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9765	N/A
Stent placement, atherectomy, and lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9767	N/A

Page 728, Charge Sheet - Other Arterial Interventional Procedures

Add the following codes to the bottom of “Infusion Therapy”:

Transcatheter microinfusion (hospital only)	C9759	N/A
Transcatheter microinfusion (physician only)	37799	N/A

Page 729, Charge Sheet - Venous Procedures

Revise the following under “Percutaneous AV Shunt Interventions”:

Creation of AV fistula, percutaneous, direct, any site, with RS&I (includes other flow-directing procedures) (hospital use only; MDs report 37799)	€9759 G2170	N/A
Creation of AV fistula, percutaneous, using magnetic-guided arterial and venous catheter and radiofrequency, with RS&I (includes other flow-directing procedures) (hospital use only; MDs report 37799)	37799 G2171	N/A

Page 732, Charge Sheet - Aortic Stent Grafts & Open Endovascular Procedures

Add the following codes to the bottom of “Endovascular Procedures”:

Lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9764	N/A
Stent placement with lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9765	N/A
Atherectomy with lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9766	N/A
Stent placement, atherectomy, and lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9767	N/A

Add the following codes to the bottom of “Lower Extremity Revascularization Procedures - *Angioplasty Only*”:

Lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9764	N/A
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Add the following codes to the bottom of “Lower Extremity Revascularization Procedures - *Atherectomy*”:

Atherectomy with lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9766	N/A
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Add the following codes to the bottom of “Lower Extremity Revascularization Procedures - *Stent Placement with or Without Angioplasty*”:

Stent placement with lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9765	N/A
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Add the following codes to the bottom of “Lower Extremity Revascularization Procedures - *Stent Placement with Atherectomy*”:

Stent placement, atherectomy, and lithoplasty, w/wo angioplasty (hospital only)	C9767	N/A
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Page 738, Charge Sheet - Pacemakers & ICDs

Add the following codes to the bottom of “Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator - *Substernal ICD*”:

Removal and replacement of substernal ICD generator	0614T	0.00
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