

Vascular Exam Guide

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Study

Examples of Signs/Symptoms/Diagnoses

Carotid Duplex Scan 93880 Bilateral 93882 Unilateral/limited

- Physician heard an abnormal sound (bruit) in the arteries of the neck.
- Pulsatile Neck Mass
- Follow up on previously diagnosed/surgerized Carotid Occlusion or Stenosis
- Patient has had a stroke (Cerebral Infarction) or a "mini-stroke" (TIA)

<u>Upper Extremity</u> Arterial (Arms & Hands)

Digit Pressures 93923

Duplex Imaging 93930 Bilateral 93931 Unilateral/ Limited

- Absent or weak pulses
- Unequal blood pressure in arms
- Cyanotic digits (blue fingers)
- Cold fingers
- Pain in fingers, hands, or arms
- Physician is concerned that patient is not getting enough blood flow to the hands/fingers.
- Follow up on previously diagnosed/surgerized Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD)
- If diminished blood flow to the hands/fingers has been established, duplex imaging of the arteries of the arm can establish the presence/location/severity of the lesion.
- Follow up on previously diagnosed/surgerized Subclavian, Brachial, Cephalic Arterial Stenosis/Occlusion, Subclavian Steal Syndrome

<u>Upper Extremity</u> Venous

Duplex Scan (Arms)
93970 Bilateral
93971 Unilateral/limited
Pre-Op Vein Survey

- Swelling in arms
- Pain in arms
- Follow up on previously detected/surgerized deep vein thrombosis (DVT)
- Vein Surveys for dialysis access must indicate the stage of kidney disease ex: N18.4, N18.5, N18.6. (Medicare does not reimburse surveys for dialysis access for kidney disease stages under stage 4.)
- Vein Surveys for bypass must indicate the problem being addressed by surgery, ex: I73.9-PVD

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Examples of Signs/Symptoms/Diagnoses

Hemodialysis Access Duplex Scan 93990

- Malfunction of AV Fistula
- Malfunction of AV Graft

Abdominal Duplex Scans

(Requires patient to be NPO after midnight.)

Retroperitoneal

Duplex Scan

"Renal Artery"
93975 Bilateral
93976 Unilateral/Limited
These CPT codes are used
to indicate duplex imaging
of renal, mesenteric, or
celiac arteries.

* (Also can include abdominal aorta, inferior vena cava, & iliac arteries/ iliac veins.)

Abdominal Aorta * Iliac arteries/veins 93978 Bilateral 93979 Unilateral/Limited These CPT codes are used to indicate duplex imaging of the abdominal aorta, inferior vena cava, & iliac arteries/iliac veins.

- Hypertension (HTN)
- Acute kidney failure
- Follow up on previously diagnosed/surgerized:
 - ♦ Renal Artery Stenosis (RAS)
 - ♦ Mesenteric Artery Stenosis
 - ♦ Celiac Artery Stenosis

- Physician heard an abnormal pulse (bruit) in the abdomen.
- Follow up on previously diagnosed/surgerized:
 - ♦ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)
 - ♦ Atherosclerosis of the abdominal aorta
 - ♦ Iliac Artery Aneurysm/Stenosis/Occlusion
 - ♦ P\/ □
 - ♦ Iliac Vein thrombosis

CPT codes 93975/93976 can indicate imaging of an individual vascular system listed in the "Retroperitoneal" box **OR** all of the systems listed (including the abdominal aorta, inferior vena cava, & iliac vasculature.) If multiple systems in the abdomen need to be imaged, choose 93975/93976 and list areas to be imaged in special instructions and all corresponding signs/ symptoms/diagnoses.

Ex 1: Special Instructions "Image abdominal aorta & renal arteries." 93975, S/S/Dx: AAA, RAS

Ex 2: Special instructions "Image mesenteric arteries." 93975, S/S/Dx: Stomach pain, K55.1

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Lower Extremity Arterial (Legs & Feet)

Doppler ABI with Toe PPG 93922

Duplex Imaging *
93925 Bilateral
93926 Unilateral/
Limited

- Absent or weak pulses
- Cyanotic digits (blue toes)
- Cold toes
- Pain in toes, feet, or legs
- Claudication (Increasing pain with exercise)
- Physician is concerned that patient is not getting enough blood flow to the feet/ toes.
- Follow up on previously diagnosed/surgerized Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD)

If diminished blood flow to the feet/toes has been established, duplex imaging of the arteries of the leg can establish the presence/location/severity of the lesion.

Negative findings on Arterial Imaging studies do not rule out Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD.) This especially applies to patients with small vessel disease and/or hardening of the arteries both of which are common in patients with diabetes.

Lower Extremity Venous

Duplex Scan (Legs)
93970 Bilateral
93971 Unilateral/Limited
Pre-Op Vein Survey
Varicose Vein Study (Physiologic)

- Swelling in legs
- Pain in legs
- Follow up on previously detected/surgerized deep vein thrombosis (DVT)
- Chronic non-pressure ulcers (which may be due to Venous Stasis/Venous insufficiency)
- Varicose veins with complications
- Vein Surveys for dialysis access must indicate the stage of kidney disease ex: N18.4, N18.5, N18.6. (Medicare does not reimburse surveys for dialysis access for kidney disease stages under stage 4.)
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Please refer to page 4 of this document for specific insurance information and self pay/out-of-network courtesy prices.



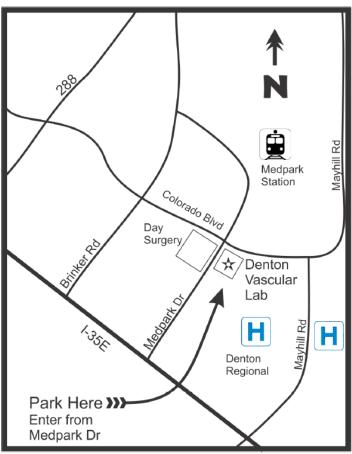
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