

# ENTERAL FEEDING

## Reimbursement Information



### 2009 CODING & PAYMENT QUICK REFERENCE

#### MEDICARE PHYSICIAN, HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT and ASC PAYMENTS

CPT® Code <sup>1</sup>	Code Description	Physician <sup>2</sup>		Facility <sup>3</sup>	
		MD Payment In-office	MD Payment In-facility	Hospital Outpatient Payment	ASC Facility Payment
<b>Gastrostomy Tube</b>					
43761	Reposition of gastric feeding tube, through the duodenum	\$118	\$104	\$572	\$337
44500	Introduction of long gastrointestinal tube	NA*	\$25	\$304	\$186
<b>Percutaneous Tube Placement</b>					
43760	Change of gastrostomy tube, percutaneous without imaging or endoscopic guidance	\$312	\$50	\$304	\$163
43246	Upper GI with directed placement of percutaneous gastrostomy tube	NA*	\$242	\$572	\$392
44372	Small intestinal endoscopy with placement of percutaneous jejunostomy tube	NA*	\$246	\$632	\$411
44373	Small intestinal endoscopy with conversion of percutaneous gastrostomy tube to percutaneous jejunostomy tube	NA*	\$199	\$632	\$411
49440	Insertion of gastrostomy tube, percutaneous under fluoroscopic guidance	\$1049	\$237	\$572	\$349
49441	Insertion of duodenostomy or jejunostomy tube, percutaneous under fluoroscopic guidance	\$1136	\$259	\$572	\$349
49442	Insertion of cecostomy or other colonic tube, percutaneous under fluoroscopic guidance	\$1018	\$214	\$807	NA**
49446	Conversion of gastrostomy tube to gastro-jejunostomy tube, percutaneous, under fluoroscopic guidance	\$951	\$172	\$572	\$349
49450	Replacement of gastrostomy tube, percutaneous under fluoroscopic guidance	\$711	\$69	\$304	\$186
49451	Replacement of duodenostomy or jejunostomy tube, percutaneous under fluoroscopic guidance	\$677	\$96	\$304	\$186
49452	Replacement of gastro-jejunostomy tube, percutaneous under fluoroscopic guidance	\$853	\$150	\$304	\$186
49460	Mechanical removal of obstructive material from gastostomy, duodenostomy, or jejunostomy (or other colonic tube), any method under fluoroscopic guidance	\$779	\$49	\$304	\$186

\* NA = Medicare has not developed a rate for the In-Office setting as the procedure is typically performed in the hospital setting. If the contractor determines the service can be performed in-office, it will be paid at the MD In-facility rate.

\*\*NA = The procedure is not on Medicare's approved list in the ASC setting.

<sup>1</sup>Source: Beebe et al. (2008). *CPT®2009 Professional Edition*. Chicago: American Medical Association. CPT® is a registered trademark of American Medical Association. All Rights Reserved.

<sup>2</sup>Source: November 19, 2008 Federal Register. MD payments calculated using the 2009 conversion factor of \$36.066.

<sup>3</sup>Source: November 18, 2008 Federal Register.

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### MEDICARE HOSPITAL INPATIENT

- Although a large percentage of enteral feeding procedures are performed in the inpatient hospital setting, they will rarely, if ever, be the primary reason for an inpatient hospital admission.

### MEDICARE DEVICE PAYMENTS

Medicare Part B (which is an optional Medicare plan that helps cover medically necessary services like doctors' services, outpatient care, and other preventative medical services that Part A doesn't cover), most Medicaid programs and most private insurance plans group enteral feeding devices into categories using HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System) Level II Codes. The HCPCS codes, categories and the average Medicare Part B allowable rates for Boston Scientific Products are listed below.

HCPCS Code <sup>4</sup>	Code Description	2009 Medicare Part B National Average Payment Rate <sup>5</sup>	Allowable	BSC Products That Include Gastrostomy Tubes
B4087	Gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube, standard, any material, any type, each	\$34.59/tube	These tubes are expected to last 90 days	EndoVive® Safety PEGs EndoVive® Standard Profile Balloon Replacements
B4088	Gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube, low-profile, any material, any type, each	\$34.59/tube	These tubes are expected to last 90 days	EndoVive® Low Profile PEGS EndoVive® Low Profile Buttons EndoVive® Low Profile Balloon Replacements EndoVive® Low Profile Balloon and Button Accessories

<sup>4</sup>HCPCS Level II, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, published in Ingenix. *HCPCS Level II 2009 Expert Edition*.

<sup>5</sup>2009 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition Items and Services (PEN) Fee Schedule

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