

GUIDEPOINT
Reimbursement Resources

2016 Coding & Payment Quick Reference
Select Dilation Procedures

Payer policies will vary and should be verified prior to treatment for limitations on diagnosis, coding or site of service requirements. The coding options listed within this guide are commonly used codes and are not intended to be an all-inclusive list. We recommend consulting your relevant manuals for appropriate coding options.

Rates referenced in this guide do not reflect Sequestration; automatic reductions in federal spending that will result in a 2% across-the-board reduction to ALL Medicare rates.

Medicare Physician, Hospital Outpatient, and ASC Payments

It is important to remember that surgical endoscopy always includes a diagnostic endoscopy (CPT® Code 43200). Therefore, when a diagnostic endoscopy is performed during the same session as a surgical endoscopy, the diagnostic endoscopy code is not separately reported. (CPT Assistant, October 2001)

| CPT® Code ¹ | Code Description | Work | RVUs | | 2016 Medicare National Average Payment | | | | Comments |
|------------------------|--|------|--------------|----------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|-------|--|
| | | | Total Office | Total Facility | Physician ^{†,2} | | Facility ³ | | |
| | | | | | In-Office | In-Facility | Hospital Outpatient | ASC | |
| Balloon | | | | | | | | | |
| 43195 | Esophagoscopy, rigid, transoral; with balloon dilation (less than 30 mm diameter) | 3.07 | 5.36 | 5.36 | \$192 | \$192 | \$1,088 | \$608 | The endoscope remains in place as balloon dilation occurs ⁴ |
| 43214 | Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with dilation of esophagus with balloon (30 mm diameter or larger) (includes fluoroscopic guidance, when performed) | 3.50 | 5.78 | 5.78 | \$207 | \$207 | \$1,088 | \$608 | Typically used for achalasia ⁵ |
| 43220 | Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transendoscopic balloon dilation (less than 30 mm diameter) | 2.10 | 32.15 | 3.62 | \$1,151 | \$130 | \$1,088 | \$608 | The endoscope remains in place as balloon dilation occurs ⁴ |
| 43233 | Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with dilation of esophagus with balloon (30 mm diameter or larger) (includes fluoroscopic guidance, when performed) | 4.17 | 6.84 | 6.84 | \$245 | \$245 | \$1,088 | \$608 | Typically used for achalasia ⁵ |
| 43249 | Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transendoscopic balloon dilation of esophagus (less than 30 mm diameter) | 2.77 | 30.46 | 4.66 | \$1,091 | \$167 | \$1,088 | \$608 | Does not require a guidewire for balloon dilation |
| 44381 | Ileoscopy, through stoma; with transendoscopic balloon dilation | 1.48 | 28.37 | 2.64 | \$1,016 | \$95 | \$745 | \$417 | |
| 45340 | Sigmoidoscopy, flexible; with transendoscopic balloon dilation | 1.35 | 13.90 | 2.43 | \$498 | \$87 | \$753 | \$421 | Does not require a guidewire for balloon dilation |

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|----------------------------|--|------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------|--|
| | | Work | Total Office | Total Facility | In-Office | In-Facility | Hospital Outpatient | ASC | |
| Balloon (Continued) | | | | | | | | | |
| 45386 | Colonoscopy, flexible; with transendoscopic balloon dilation | 3.87 | 18.60 | 6.38 | \$666 | \$228 | \$753 | \$421 | Does not require a guidewire for balloon dilation |
| 44405 | Colonoscopy through stoma; with transendoscopic balloon dilation | 3.33 | 17.37 | 5.54 | \$622 | \$198 | \$753 | \$421 | |
| Balloon or Rigid | | | | | | | | | |
| 43196 | Esophagoscopy, rigid, transoral; with insertion of guide wire followed by dilation over guide wire | 3.31 | 5.74 | 5.74 | \$206 | \$206 | \$1,088 | \$608 | Guidewire must be used with balloon dilator |
| 43213 | Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with dilation of esophagus, by balloon or dilator, retrograde (includes fluoroscopic guidance, when performed) | 4.73 | 34.75 | 7.73 | \$1,244 | \$277 | \$1,088 | \$608 | Retrograde dilation |
| 43226 | Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with insertion of guide wire followed by passage of dilator(s) over guide wire | 2.34 | 10.82 | 3.99 | \$387 | \$143 | \$1,088 | \$608 | Guidewire must be used with balloon dilator |
| 43245 | Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with dilation of gastric/duodenal stricture(s) (eg, balloon, bougie) | 3.18 | 17.42 | 5.32 | \$624 | \$190 | \$1,088 | \$608 | Utilized to report dilation of gastric outlet, native or post-op (e.g. gastro-jejunal bypass) ⁵ |
| 43248 | Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with insertion of guide wire followed by passage of dilator(s) through esophagus over guide wire | 3.01 | 11.60 | 5.04 | \$415 | \$180 | \$745 | \$417 | Guidewire must be used with balloon dilator |
| 45303 | Proctosigmoidoscopy, rigid; with dilation (eg, balloon, guide wire, bougie) | 1.50 | 27.28 | 2.67 | \$977 | \$96 | \$753 | \$421 | |

Medicare Hospital Inpatient Payment:

Inpatient payment information not shown because the dilation procedure will rarely, if ever, be the primary reason for a hospital admission.

C-Code Information

For all C-Code information, please reference the C-Code Reference Guide: www.bostonscientific.com/reimbursement

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2 Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. CMS Physician Fee Schedule - January 2016 release, RVU16A file <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/PFS-Relative-Value-Files-Items/RVU16A.html?DLPage=1&DLEntries=10&DLSort=0&DLSortDir=descending>

3 Source: November 13, 2015 Federal Register CMS-1633-FC.

4 General Surgery/Gastroenterology 2008 Coding Companion. Ingenix. p. 245-9

5 Source: ASGE 2014 CPT Coding Updates

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