

2019 Coding & Payment Quick Reference

Select GI Biopsy 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.

The following codes are thought to be relevant to GI Biopsy procedures and are referenced throughout this guide.

All rates shown are 2019 Medicare national averages; actual rates will vary geographically and/or by individual facility.

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	RVUs			2019 Medicare National Average Payment			
		Work	Total Office	Total Facility	Physician ^{2,2}		Facility ³	
					In-Office	In-Facility	Hospital Outpatient	ASC
Cold Biopsy								
43193	Esophagoscopy, rigid, transoral; with biopsy, single or multiple	2.79	NA	4.88	NA	\$176	\$1,483 ¹	\$643
43202	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with biopsy, single or multiple	1.72	9.16	3.00	\$330	\$108	\$1,483 ¹	\$643
43239	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with biopsy, single or multiple	2.39	10.19	4.05	\$367	\$146	\$762	\$392
43261	Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP); with biopsy, single or multiple	6.15	NA	9.92	NA	\$358	\$2,825 ¹	\$1,246
44361	Small intestinal endoscopy, enteroscopy beyond second portion of duodenum, not including ileum; with biopsy, single or multiple	2.77	NA	4.65	NA	\$168	\$1,483 ¹	\$643
44377	Small intestinal endoscopy, enteroscopy beyond second portion of duodenum, including ileum; with biopsy, single or multiple	5.42	NA	8.77	NA	\$316	\$1,483 ¹	\$643
44382	Ileoscopy, through stoma; with biopsy, single or multiple	1.17	7.80	2.14	\$281	\$77	\$762	\$392
44386	Endoscopic evaluation of small intestinal pouch (eg, Kock pouch, ileal reservoir [S or J]); with biopsy, single or multiple	1.50	8.36	2.60	\$301	\$94	\$745	\$384
44389	Colonoscopy through stoma; with biopsy, single or multiple	3.02	11.08	5.02	\$399	\$181	\$980	\$505
45305	Proctosigmoidoscopy, rigid; with biopsy, single or multiple	1.15	4.38	2.11	\$158	\$76	\$980	\$505
45331	Sigmoidoscopy, flexible; with biopsy, single or multiple	1.14	7.60	2.08	\$274	\$75	\$745	\$384
45380	Colonoscopy, flexible; with biopsy, single or multiple	3.56	11.79	5.87	\$425	\$212	\$980	\$505

RVUs

Physician^{†,2}Facility³

CPT [®] Code ¹	Code Description	Work	Total Office	Total Facility	In-Office	In-Facility	Hospital Outpatient	ASC
Hot Biopsy								
43216	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) by hot biopsy forceps	2.30	10.63	3.86	\$383	\$139	\$1,483 [†]	\$643
43250	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) by hot biopsy forceps	2.97	11.79	4.97	\$425	\$179	\$1,483 [†]	\$643
44365	Small intestinal endoscopy, enteroscopy beyond second portion of duodenum, not including ileum; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) by hot biopsy forceps or bipolar cautery	3.21	NA	5.32	NA	\$192	\$1,483 [†]	\$643
44392	Colonoscopy through stoma; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) by hot biopsy forceps	3.53	10.25	5.82	\$369	\$210	\$980	\$505
45308	Proctosigmoidoscopy, rigid; with removal of single tumor, polyp, or other lesion by hot biopsy forceps or bipolar cautery	1.30	4.93	2.43	\$178	\$88	\$2,335 [†]	\$1,140
45333	Sigmoidoscopy, flexible; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) by hot biopsy forceps	1.55	8.67	2.73	\$312	\$98	\$745	\$384
45384	Colonoscopy, flexible; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) by hot biopsy forceps	4.07	13.13	6.68	\$473	\$241	\$980	\$505

C-Code Information

For all C-Code information, please reference the C-Code Finder: <http://www.bostonscientific.com/reimbursement>

Medicare Hospital Inpatient Payment

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

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‡ The 2019 National Average Medicare physician payment rates have been calculated using a 2019 conversion factor of \$36.0391. Rates subject to change.

NA "NA" indicates that there is no in-office differential for these codes.

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2 Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. CMS Physician Fee Schedule - November 2018 release, RVU17A 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 2, 2018 Federal Register CMS-1695-F and December 28, 2018 Federal Register CMS-1695-CN2.

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