

THORACIC SURGERY

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Referred Cases			
79010	Consultation: To include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, and a written report	137.09	
79012	Repeat or Limited Consultation: To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee.....	61.71	
	<u>Continuing Care by Consultant:</u>		
79007	Subsequent office visit.....	27.35	
79008	Subsequent hospital visit.....	23.34	
79009	Subsequent home visit	47.03	
79005	Emergency visit when specially called (not paid in addition to out-of-office hours premiums).....	93.85	
	<i>Note: Claim must state time called.</i>		
Telehealth Service with Direct Interactive Video Link with the Patient			
P79210	Telehealth Consultation: To include complete history and physical examination, review of x-ray and laboratory findings, and a written report.....	137.09	
P79212	Telehealth Repeat or Limited Consultation: To apply where a consultation is repeated for same condition within six (6) months of the last visit by the consultant, or where in the judgment of the consultant the consultative service does not warrant a full consultative fee	61.71	
P79207	Telehealth subsequent office visit	27.35	
P79208	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit	23.34	
Lung Surgery			
	Lobe:		
79015	Lobectomy	1,286.68	8
79020	Bronchoplasty (extra to lobectomy).....	233.30	9
	Entire Lung:		
79025	Pneumonectomy.....	1,398.04	9
	Other Lung Operations:		
79030	Segmental resection of lung (operative report required).....	1,286.68	8
79035	Thoracotomy, including wedge resection	721.91	8
79040	Drainage of lung abscess - operation only	482.48	8

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Thoracotomy (Miscellaneous):		
S07924*	Decompression of traumatic pneumothorax – operation only.....	37.28 4
79045	Exploratory thoracotomy with or without biopsy or removal of foreign body.....	730.11 8
79050	Decortication of lung.....	1,125.63 8
79055	Pleurectomy.....	721.91 8
79060	Intrathoracic tumour – without lung involvement.....	969.45 8

Airway Surgery

Trachea:		
79065	Tracheal resection.....	909.39 10
79070	- with laryngeal release, extra.....	448.88 10
79075	- with hilar release, extra.....	448.88 10
02420*	Dilation of trachea (operation only).....	80.00 5
02421*	- repeat within one month (operation only).....	36.91 5
02407	Tracheostomy.....	283.06 5

Note: Not applicable to cricothyrotomy puncture

Bronchus:		
79080	Closure of bronchopleural fistula.....	899.15 10
79085	Repair of ruptured bronchus.....	909.39 9
07949	Laser therapy for intra-tracheal or intra-bronchial tumour - to include endoscopy.....	443.86 7
02450	Bronchoscopy or microlaryngoscopy with removal of foreign body.....	246.13 6
02422	- in a child under the age of 3 years.....	367.14 6

Micro-surgery with use of carbon dioxide laser for removal of tumour(s) of larynx or trachea:		
02430	- first procedure.....	429.71 6
02435	- subsequent procedure, each.....	429.71 6

Notes:

- i) Maximum of 5 subsequent procedures in six (6) month period, otherwise support with written letter.
- ii) Microsurgery treatment with CO₂ laser other than removal of tumour(s) of larynx or trachea, bill under 02599 with operative report.

Mediastinal Surgery

79095	Mediastinal cyst or tumour.....	1,004.26 8
79100	Thymectomy.....	750.21 8

Chest Wall Surgery

79105	Rib resection for empyema.....	469.57 6
79110	Closure of pleurostomy following long term management of empyema with rib section.....	469.57 6
79115	Pectus excavatum and carinatum.....	732.14 8
79120	Thoracoplasty.....	732.14 6
79125	Cervical rib resection.....	340.21 5
79130	Trans-axillary resection of first rib.....	819.35 5
79135	Chest wall tumour with rib resection.....	958.55 6

Diaphragm Surgery

70601	Repair of para-oesophageal hiatus hernia transabdominal, with or without fundoplication.....745.31	6
	<i>Note: For anti-reflux procedures, funduplications, etc., please see Oesophageal section (in General Surgery).</i>	

Diaphragmatic or other hernia to include fundoplication, vagotomy and drainage procedure where indicated:

70602	- open.....745.31	6
C70603	- laparoscopic745.31	6
C70604	Congenital diaphragmatic hernia.....748.45	9

Repair diaphragmatic hernia or laceration; thoracic or abdominal approach:

C70605	- acute (traumatic)788.95	8
C70606	- chronic722.34	8
70607	Imbrication of diaphragm for eventration, transthoracic or transabdominal659.70	8
07431	Repair diaphragmatic injury788.95	8

Surgical Assistant:

T70019	Certified surgical assistant (where it is necessary for one certified surgeon to assist another certified surgeon, an explanation of the need is required except for procedures prefixed by the letter "C") - for up to one hour251.70	
	<i>Note: Time is calculated at the earliest, from the time of physician/patient contact in the operating suite.</i>	

T70020	Time after one hour of continuous certified surgical assistance for one patient, up to and including 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient - each 15 minutes or fraction thereof.....26.28	
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Notes:

- i) After 3 hours of continual surgical assistance for one patient, bill under fee item 00198 (time after 3 hours of continuous surgical assistance for one patient, each 15 minutes or fraction thereof).
- ii) Please indicate start and end time of service on claim.

Oesophageal Surgery

Oesophagus – Incision

70500	Oesophagotomy - cervical approach with removal of foreign body526.42	5
70501	- thoracic approach with removal of foreign body.....625.30	8
70502	Cricopharyngeal myotomy - cervical approach460.30	4

Oesophagus – Excision

Excision of lesion, oesophagus, with primary repair:

C70530	- cervical approach526.42	6
C70531	- thoracic or abdominal approach; open.....762.62	8
C70532	- thoracic or abdominal approach; laparoscopic or thorascopic.....762.62	8

Total or near total oesophagectomy; without thoracotomy (Transhiatal):		
• With pharyngogastrostomy or cervical oesophagogastronomy, with or without pyloroplasty:		
70533	- primary surgeon	1,402.95 8
70503	- secondary surgeon.....	465.00
• With colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):		
70534	- primary surgeon	1,640.97 8
70504	- secondary surgeon.....	465.00
Total or near total oesophagectomy; with thoracotomy; with or without pyloroplasty (3 hole):		
70535	- primary surgeon	1,603.39 8
70505	- secondary surgeon.....	465.00
• With colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):		
70536	- primary surgeon	1,828.87 8
70506	- secondary surgeon.....	465.00
70538	Partial oesophagectomy, distal 2/3, with thoracotomy and separate abdominal incision and thoracic oesophagogastronomy. [Includes proximal gastrectomy and pyloroplasty (Ivor Lewis), if required.]	1,603.39 8
• With colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):		
70539	- primary surgeon	1,828.87 8
70509	- secondary surgeon.....	465.00
C70540	Partial oesophagectomy, thoraco-abdominal or abdominal approach; with oesophagogastronomy (Includes vagotomy. Includes proximal gastrectomy, pyloroplasty, and splenectomy if required).	1,402.95 8
• With colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es):		
70541	- primary surgeon	1,640.97 8
70511	- secondary surgeon.....	465.00
C70542	Total or partial oesophagectomy, without reconstruction (any approach), with cervical oesophagostomy (includes gastrostomy)	1,052.82 6
Diverticulectomy of hypopharynx or oesophagus, with or without myotomy:		
70545	- cervical approach	526.42 6
70544	- thoracic approach.....	641.35 8
Dilation of Oesophagus:		
70551*	- balloon - operation only; (if endoscopy required bill separately) (operation only).....	106.92 3
70552*	- overwire (Savoury type dilator) - operation only.....	112.46 3
70553*	- by balloon or dilator; under fluoroscopic guidance (operation only)	112.46 3
70554*	- with balloon (30mm. diameter or larger) for achalasia (operation only).....	106.92 3
70555*	- by balloon or dilator – retrograde (operation only)	106.92 4

Oesophagus - Repair

71530	Cervical oesophagostomy	521.12	5
71531	Repair tracheo-oesophageal fistula – cervical approach	881.86	6

Note: 71530 and 71531 include gastrostomy.

Oesophagoplasty, (plastic repair or reconstruction) thoracic approach:

C71532	- without repair of tracheo-oesophageal fistula	822.98	8
C71533	- with repair of tracheo-oesophageal fistula	1,020.21	8
71534	Division of tracheo-oesophageal fistula without oesophageal anastomosis (thoracic approach)	788.95	8

Note: C71533 and 71534 include gastrostomy.

Oesophagogastric fundoplasty (e.g.: Nissen, Belsey IV, Hill procedures); antireflux:

C71535	- laparoscopic	722.34	6
71536	- open.....	722.34	6
C71537	Oesophagogastric fundoplasty; with fundic patch (Thal-Nissen procedure); abdominal and/or thoracic approach.....	776.62	8
71538	- with gastroplasty - Collis.....	776.62	8

Plastic operation for cardiospasm; Heller:

C71539	- thoracic approach - open.....	659.62	8
C71540	- laparoscopic or thorascopic (endoscopy to be billed separately)	659.62	6
C71541	- with fundoplication - open.....	921.94	6
C71542	- with fundoplication - laparoscopic	921.94	6

Gastrointestinal reconstruction for previous oesophagectomy; for obstructing oesophageal lesion or fistula, or for previous oesophageal exclusion:

C71543	- with stomach; with or without pyloroplasty	1,402.95	6
C71544	- with colon interposition or small bowel reconstruction, including bowel mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es).....	1,640.97	6

Suture of oesophageal wound or injury:

71548	- cervical approach	425.82	6
C71549	- transthoracic or transabdominal approach.....	761.61	8

Closure of oesophagostomy or fistula:

C71550	- cervical approach	529.13	6
C71551	- transthoracic or transabdominal approach.....	801.69	8
02449	Rigid oesophagoscopy for removal of foreign body	184.60	4
C02473	Laryngo-pharyngo-oesophagectomy – primary excision only	1,528.43	6

Miscellaneous Surgery

70023*	Excisional biopsy of lymph glands for suspected malignancy: - neck (operation only).....	131.24	3
70624	Pyloromyotomy, cutting of pyloric muscle (Fredet-Ramstedt type operation)....	394.48	5
07630	Gastrostomy – open	329.17	5

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S32031	Closed drainage of chest – operations only	105.08 4
79140	Anterior scalenotomy	189.37 3

Diagnostic Procedures

Thoracic procedures:

Procedures involving visualization by instrumentation:

S00700	Bronchoscopy or bronchofibroscope - procedural fee	87.71 4
S00702	Bronchoscopy with biopsy - procedural fee	134.46 4
S00719	Thoracoscopy	164.01 7
S00701	Direct laryngoscopy - procedural fee	36.97 5

Note: 00701 not payable with bronchoscopy, except when done under general anesthesiology.

S00707	Oesophagogastroduodenoscopy - procedural fee	86.33 3
S00708	Gastroscopy - procedural fee	90.49 3
S00711	Gastric biopsy - procedural fee extra	26.40 3
S00709	Oesophagoscopy - procedural fee	73.29 3
S00706	Oesophagoscopy with biopsy	104.85 3
S00710	Mediastinoscopy or anterior mediastinotomy (combined 50% extra) - procedural fee	185.15 4

Diagnostic procedures utilizing radiological equipment:

The following fees are separate from the fees for the radiological part of this examination and should be charged by the attending physician or by the radiologist who performs the procedure, e.g.: instrumentation or injection of contrast materials:

S00736	Bronchial brushing in conjunction with bronchoscopy (bronchoscopy extra) - procedural fee extra	65.45 4
S00868	Percutaneous gastrostomy/gastrojejunostomy - procedural fee	260.98 2

Therapeutic procedures utilizing radiological equipment:

S00976	Radiological oesophageal dilatation	104.01 3
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Needle Biopsy Procedures

These biopsies include only those done by needle. Biopsies involving the incision of skin or mucous membrane or involving total or partial removal of a lesion are regarded as surgical procedures, i.e. biopsy of breast, brain, larynx, skin, facial skin, lymph nodes, prostate, etc.:

S00745	Peripheral or subcutaneous lymph node biopsy - procedure fee	12.19 2
S00749	Parietal pleural, including thoracentesis - procedural fee	46.02 2

Puncture procedures for obtaining body fluids (when performed for diagnostic purposes):

S00751	Pericardial puncture - procedural fee	43.58 3
S00755	Artery puncture - procedural fee	6.25 2
S00759	Paracentesis - (thoracic) or transtracheal aspiration - procedural fee	21.67 2

Miscellaneous:		
S00797	Oesophageal motility test	134.58
S00788	- technical fee	72.92
S00798	- professional fee	61.66
S00818	Oesophageal pH study for reflux, extra	
	- professional fee	40.04
S00817	- technical fee	12.21
S00804	Bernstein acid perfusion tests	53.99
S00821	- technical fee	26.99
S00820	- professional fee	26.99
S00805	Tuttles pH probe tests	45.58
S00823	- technical fee	22.79
S00822	- professional fee	22.79
S00806	Bernstein acid perfusion tests and Tuttles pH probe tests in combination	70.64
S00825	- technical fee	35.32
S00824	- professional fee	35.32