

2021 Thoracic Reimbursement Fact Sheet

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Finding the appropriate ICD-10-PCS Code¹

STEP 1: Select the code below that best describes the procedure and associated body part.

Procedure Code	Description (Includes Body Part)	Procedure Code	Description (Includes Body Part)
0B5	Destruction / Respiratory System	0W9C	Drainage / Mediastinum
0B9	Drainage / Respiratory System	0WBC	Excision / Mediastinum
0BB	Excision / Respiratory System	0WC9	Extirpation / Pleural Cavity, Right
0BC	Extirpation / Respiratory System	0WCB	Extirpation / Pleural Cavity, Left
0BD	Extraction / Respiratory System	0WCQ	Extirpation / Respiratory Tract
0BH	Insertion / Respiratory System	0WH9	Insertion / Pleural Cavity, Right
0BJ	Inspection / Respiratory System	0WHB	Insertion / Pleural Cavity, Left
0BL	Occlusion / Respiratory System	0WHQ	Insertion / Respiratory Tract
0BM	Reattachment / Respiratory System	0WJ9	Inspection / Pleural Cavity, Right
0BN	Release / Respiratory System	0WJB	Inspection / Pleural Cavity, Left
0BP	Removal / Respiratory System	0WJC	Inspection / Mediastinum
0BQ	Repair / Respiratory System	0WJD	Inspection / Pericardial Cavity
0BS	Reposition / Respiratory System	0WJQ	Inspection / Respiratory Tract
0BT	Resection / Respiratory System	0WP9	Removal / Pleural Cavity, Right
0BV	Restriction / Respiratory System	0WPB	Removal / Pleural Cavity, Left
0BW	Revision / Respiratory System	0WPQ	Removal / Respiratory Tract
0W19	Bypass / Pleural Cavity, Right	0WW9	Revision / Pleural Cavity, Right
0W1B	Bypass / Pleural Cavity, Left	0WWB	Revision / Pleural Cavity, Left
0W39	Control / Pleural Cavity, Right	0WWQ	Revision / Respiratory Tract
0W3B	Control / Pleural Cavity, Left	3E0F	Introduction / Respiratory Tract
0W3D	Control / Pericardial Cavity	3E0L	Introduction / Pleural Cavity
0W3Q	Control / Respiratory Tract	3E0Y	Introduction / Pericardial Cavity
0W99	Drainage / Pleural Cavity, Right	3E1L	Irrigation / Pleural Cavity
0W9B	Drainage / Pleural Cavity, Left	3E1Y	Irrigation / Pericardial Cavity

STEP 2: Using your coding reference book or software, select the 3 codes that best describe the associated approach, device and qualifier in the respective order.

Given the large number of individual procedure codes available for bariatric procedures, please refer to your coding reference book or coding software to look up the associated Approach, Device and Qualifier that best align to the procedure code and body part you identified in Step 1 above.

STEP 3: Combine the code in the respective order from left to right. This is your ICD-10-PCS Code.

For example, the code for Resection of Right Upper Lung Lobe, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach (0BTC4ZZ) would be created in the steps below:

Example: STEP 1: 0BT + STEP 2: Body Part C + Approach 4 + Device Z + Qualifier Z = STEP 3: 0BTC4ZZ

Surgeon CPT, APC & DRG Codes

Surgeon CPT Code ²	Procedure	National Average Medicare Payment ³
Lobectomy Procedures		
Traditional Open Procedure		
32480	Removal of lung, other than pneumonectomy; single lobe (lobectomy)	\$ 1,510
32482	Removal of lung, other than pneumonectomy; two lobes (bilobectomy)	\$ 1,617
Thorascopic (VATS) Procedures		
32663	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with lobectomy (single lobe)	\$ 1,428
32670	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with removal of two lobes (bilobectomy)	\$ 1,635
Wedge Resection Procedures		
Open Procedures		
32505	Thoracotomy; with therapeutic wedge resection (eg, mass, nodule), initial	\$ 951
+32506	Thoracotomy; with therapeutic wedge resection (eg, mass, nodule), each additional resection, ipsilateral (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	\$ 159
+32507	Thoracotomy; with diagnostic wedge resection followed by anatomic lung resection (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	\$ 159
Thorascopic (VATS) Procedures		
32666	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with therapeutic wedge resection (eg, mass, nodule), initial unilateral	\$ 888
+32667	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with therapeutic wedge resection (eg, mass or nodule), each additional resection, ipsilateral (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	\$ 159
+32668	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with diagnostic wedge resection followed by anatomic lung resection (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	\$ 160
NOTE: + signifies an add-on code, a procedure that is in addition to another, or primary, procedure being performed.		
Esophagectomy Procedures		
Open Procedures		
43107	Total or near total esophagectomy, without thoracotomy; with pharyngogastrostomy or cervical esophagogastrostomy, with or without pyloroplasty (transhiatal)	\$ 3,044
43108	Total or near total esophagectomy, without thoracotomy; with colon interposition or small intestine reconstruction, including intestine mobilization, preparation and anastomosis(es)	\$ 4,541
43112	Total or near total esophagectomy, with thoracotomy; with pharyngogastrostomy or cervical esophagogastrostomy, with or without pyloroplasty	\$ 3,558
43113	Total or near total esophagectomy, with thoracotomy; with colon interposition or small intestine reconstruction, including intestine mobilization, preparation, and anastomosis(es)	\$ 4,435
43116	Partial esophagectomy, cervical, with free intestinal graft, including microvascular anastomosis, obtaining the graft and intestinal reconstruction	\$ 5,077
43117	Partial esophagectomy, distal 2/3, with thoracotomy and separate abdominal incision, with or without proximal gastrectomy; with thoracic esophagogastrostomy, with or without pyloroplasty (Ivor Lewis)	\$ 3,326
43118	Partial esophagectomy, distal 2/3, with thoracotomy and separate abdominal incision, with or without proximal gastrectomy; with colon interposition or small intestine reconstruction, including intestine mobilization, preparation, and anastomosis(es)	\$ 3,703
43121	Partial esophagectomy, distal 2/3, with thoracotomy only, with or without proximal gastrectomy, with thoracic esophagogastrostomy, with or without pyloroplasty	\$ 2,918
43122	Partial esophagectomy, thoracoabdominal or abdominal approach, with or without proximal gastrectomy; with esophagogastrostomy, with or without pyloroplasty	\$ 2,609
43123	Partial esophagectomy, thoracoabdominal or abdominal approach, with or without proximal gastrectomy; with colon interposition or small intestine reconstruction, including intestine mobilization, preparation, and anastomosis(es)	\$ 4,598
43124	Total or partial esophagectomy, without reconstruction (any approach), with cervical esophagostomy	\$ 3,886
Thorascopic (VATS) Procedures		
32665	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with esophagomyotomy (Heller type)	\$ 1,255
Pneumonectomy Procedures		
Open Procedures		
32440	Removal of lung, pneumonectomy	\$ 1,602
32442	Removal of lung, pneumonectomy; with resection of segment of trachea followed by broncho tracheal anastomosis (sleeve pneumonectomy)	\$ 3,115
32445	Removal of lung, pneumonectomy; extrapleural	\$ 3,597

Surgeon CPT, APC & DRG Codes (continued)

Pneumonectomy Procedures (Continued)

Thorascopic (VATS) Procedures

32671	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with removal of lung (pneumonectomy)	\$ 1,809
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Segmentectomy Procedures

Open Procedures

32484	Removal of lung, other than Pneumonectomy; single segment (segmentectomy)	\$ 1,463
32488	Removal of lung, other than pneumonectomy; with all remaining lung following previous removal of a portion of lung (completion pneumonectomy)	\$ 2,438

Thorascopic (VATS) Procedures

32669	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with removal of a single lung segment (segmentectomy)	\$ 1,370
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Lung Volume Reduction (LVRS) Procedures

Open Procedures

32491	Removal of lung, other than pneumonectomy; with resection-plication of emphysematous lung(s) (bulbous or non bulbous) for lung volume reduction, sternal split or transthoracic approach, includes any pleural procedure when performed	\$ 1,502
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Thorascopic (VATS) Procedures

32672	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with resection-plication for emphysematous lung (bullous or non-bullous) for lung volume reduction (LVRS), unilateral includes any pleural procedure, when performed	\$ 1,554
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Miscellaneous Procedures

Open Procedures

32096	Thoracotomy, with diagnostic biopsy(ies) of lung infiltrate(s) (eg, wedge, incisional), unilateral	\$ 819
32097	Thoracotomy, with diagnostic biopsy(ies) of lung nodule(s) or mass(es) (eg, wedge, incisional), unilateral	\$ 817
32098	Thoracotomy, with biopsy(ies) of pleura	\$ 775
32100	Thoracotomy; with exploration	\$ 823
32110	Thoracotomy; with control of traumatic hemorrhage and/or repair of lung tear	\$ 1,501
32120	Thoracotomy; for postoperative complications	\$ 892
32124	Thoracotomy; with open intrapleural pneumonolysis	\$ 945
32140	Thoracotomy; with cyst(s) removal, includes pleural procedure when performed	\$ 1,011
32141	Thoracotomy; with resection-plication of bullae, includes any pleural procedure when performed	\$ 1,553
32486	Removal of lung, other than pneumonectomy; with circumferential resection of segment of bronchus followed by broncho-bronchial anastomosis (sleeve lobectomy)	\$ 2,388
+32501	Resection and repair of portion of bronchus (bronchoplasty) when performed at time of lobectomy or segmentectomy (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	\$ 248

Thorascopic (VATS) Procedures

32601	Thoracoscopy, diagnostic (separate procedure); lungs, pericardial sac, mediastinal or pleural space, without biopsy	\$ 314
32604	Thoracoscopy, diagnostic (separate procedure); pericardial sac, with biopsy	\$ 487
32606	Thoracoscopy, diagnostic (separate procedure); mediastinal space, with biopsy	\$ 470
32607	Thoracoscopy; with diagnostic biopsy(ies) of lung infiltrate(s) (eg, wedge, incisional), unilateral	\$ 313
32608	Thoracoscopy; with diagnostic biopsy(ies) of lung nodule(s) or mass(es) (eg, wedge, incisional), unilateral	\$ 386
32609	Thoracoscopy; with biopsy(ies) of pleura	\$ 261
32650	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with pleurodesis (eg, mechanical or chemical)	\$ 681
32651	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with partial pulmonary decortication	\$ 1,118
32652	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with total pulmonary decortication, including intrapleural pneumonolysis	\$ 1,694
32653	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with removal of intrapleural foreign body or fibrin deposit	\$ 1,082
32654	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with control of traumatic hemorrhage	\$ 1,179
32655	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with resection-plication of bullae, includes any pleural procedure when performed	\$ 976
32656	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with parietal pleurectomy	\$ 820
32658	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with removal of clot or foreign body from pericardial sac	\$ 729
32659	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with creation of pericardial window or partial resection of pericardial sac for drainage	\$ 748
32661	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with excision of pericardial cyst, tumor, or mass	\$ 815
32662	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with excision of mediastinal cyst, tumor, or mass	\$ 911
32664	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with thoracic sympathectomy	\$ 866
32673	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with resection of thymus, unilateral or bilateral	\$ 1,239
+32674	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with mediastinal and regional lymphadenectomy (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	\$ 219

NOTE: + signifies an add-on code, a procedure that is in addition to another, or primary, procedure being performed.

Surgeon CPT, APC & DRG Codes (continued)

OUTPATIENT FACILITY Hospital Outpatient Department

APC	APC Description	Status Indicator	National Average Medicare Payment ⁴
5361	Level 1 Laparoscopy & Related Services (CPT Codes: 32601, 32604, 32606, 32607, 32608, 32609)	J1	\$ 5,060

Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center

CPT CODE ²	Description	Nat Average Medicare Payment ⁴
32601	Thoracoscopy, diagnostic (separate procedure); lungs, pericardial sac, mediastinal or pleural space, without biopsy	\$ 2,318
32604	Thoracoscopy, diagnostic (separate procedure); pericardial sac, with biopsy	\$ 2,318
32606	Thoracoscopy, diagnostic (separate procedure); mediastinal space, with biopsy	\$ 2,318
32607	Thoracoscopy; with diagnostic biopsy(ies) of lung infiltrate(s) (eg, wedge, incisional), unilateral	\$ 2,318
32608	Thoracoscopy; with diagnostic biopsy(ies) of lung nodule(s) or mass(es) (eg, wedge, incisional), unilateral	\$ 2,318
32609	Thoracoscopy; with biopsy(ies) of pleura	\$ 2,318

INPATIENT FACILITY

DRG	Description*	Average Length of Stay (Days) ⁵	National Average DRG Payment ⁵
163	Major chest procedures with MCC	9.1	\$ 31,888
164	Major chest procedures with CC	4.4	\$ 16,964
165	Major chest procedures without CC/MCC	2.6	\$ 12,300
166	Other Respiratory System O.R. Procedures with MCC	8.0	\$ 24,369
167	Other Respiratory System O.R. Procedures with CC	3.7	\$ 11,967
168	Other Respiratory System O.R. Procedures without CC/MCC	2.1	\$ 8,800
326	Stomach, Esophageal, and Duodenal Procedures with MCC	9.7	\$ 34,565
327	Stomach, Esophageal, and Duodenal Procedures with CC	4.7	\$ 16,773
328	Stomach, Esophageal, and Duodenal Procedures without MCC/CC	2.3	\$ 10,705
820	Lymphoma and Leukemia with Major O.R. Procedure with MCC	10.6	\$ 36,555
821	Lymphoma and Leukemia with Major O.R. Procedure with CC	3.7	\$ 13,852
822	Lymphoma and Leukemia with Major O.R. Procedure without MCC/CC	1.8	\$ 8,045

*CC stands for Complications and Comorbidities while MCC refers to Major Complications and Comorbidities. These are a measure of the severity of an illness indicating additional diagnoses present on a case that MAY increase the expected resource consumption beyond that of the same case without a CC or MCC under the current Medicare definition. Whether a complication or comorbidity is classified as a CC or MCC is defined by Medicare.

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