



Palmetto Helpful Hints 2024

Diagnostic Radiology

Study/ Exam	Appropriate Indications	Additional Details Required if Indication is
Barium Swallowing Exam- 74230	<p>Aspiration pneumonia Dysphagia following cerebral event</p> <p>Difficulty swallowing/ dysphagia due to or with: Cancer (specific sites related to head, neck, nose, mouth, throat, etc.) Must specify site. History of cancer (of the lip, oral cavity, pharynx or larynx)</p> <p>cerebral infarction feeding difficulties GERD Alzheimer's Multiple Sclerosis Quadriplegia Cough</p>	<p>Difficulty swallowing OR Dysphagia only (2nd dx required) Aspiration- Need details about the type and where aspiration is occurring Difficulty swallowing with dementia- need details of type</p>
<p>CT- Abdomen & Pelvis 72192-72194 74150-74170 74176-74178</p>	<p>AAA, with & without rupture Abdominal Pain Abdominal Distention Ascites Constipation Cystitis Diverticulitis Decubitus Ulcer- Sacral (stage 4) Enlarged Lymph Node Fever Hydronephrosis Hematuria Kidney Cyst or Mass Liver lesion Nausea & Vomiting Vomiting only</p>	<p>Acute Kidney injury/ Failure Back Pain of Low Back Pain Calculus of Bladder Chest Wall Pain Chronic Kidney Disease Decubitus Ulcer- Sacral Diarrhea Distention Dysuria Hypertension Injury Leukocytosis Metabolic Acidosis Nausea Only MVA Ovarian Cancer</p>



	Weight Loss	Rectal Bleeding Sepsis Trauma UTI
CT- Thorax 71250- 71270	AAA- Specify Area Abdominal Pain Abdominal/ Pelvic Swelling Chest Pain Chest Mass, Lump or Swelling Cough- Acute Cough- Subacute Cough- Chronic Cough- Other specified type Dyspnea Enlarged Lymph Nodes Hemoptysis Pleural Effusion Pneumonia Pneumothorax Pulmonary Nodule Pulmonary Embolism Shock Shortness of Breath	Asthma Anemia Breast Cancer- Unspecified Cough- Unspecified Fever Injury Leukocytosis MVA Ovarian Cancer- Unspecified Thrombocytopenia Trauma Weight Loss
CT- Head 70450- 70470	Altered mental Status Ataxia Dizziness Dysphasia Dysphagia Facial Weakness Headache Head Mass, Lump, Swelling Neck Mass, Lump, Swelling Numbness Repeated Falls Seizure Slurred Speech Syncope & Collapse Weakness	Falls- Unspecified Hemoptysis Hearing Loss Injury Unspecified Loss of Vision Unspecified Muscle Weakness MVA Neck Pain Visual Disturbance Unspecified
CTA- Cardiac 75571- 75574	Abnormal Cardiovascular Function study Abnormal EKG Angina Atrial & Ventricular Fibrillation	AA without Dissection Atrial Flutter Chest Pain Rule Out Exams Shortness of Breath



	<p>CAD Cardiomyopathy CHF Enlarged Heart Precordial Chest Pain Pulmonary Embolism Pulmonary Hypertension</p>	Ventricular Flutter
<p>US Abdominal Aorta Screening for AAA 76706</p>	<p>Exam requires two Diagnosis Codes/ Indications on exam 1. Screening for AAA 2. With one of the following.. A. Current cigarette Smoker B. Personal History of Nicotine Dependence C. Family history of AAA</p>	<p>AAA Screening Only Tobacco Use unspecified</p>
<p>Retroperitoneal Ultrasound 76770, 76775, 76776</p>	<p>Abdominal Pain Acute Kidney Failure Calculus of Kidney Calculus of Ureter Epigastric Pain Flank Pain Hematuria Hydronephrosis Proteinuria Renal Failure UTI</p>	<p>Atherosclerosis of Aorta Bladder Neck Obstruction Cystitis Difficulty Urinating Dysuria Elevated Creatine History of Urinary Calculus Leukocytosis Nausea & Vomiting Renal Insufficiency</p>
<p>Nuclear- Myocardial Perfusion Imaging 78431, 78451-78454, 78491-78492</p>	<p>Abnormal EKG Angina Atrial Fibrillation/ Flutter CAD Cardiac Dysrhythmia Chest Pain/ Discomfort Dyspnea Myocardial Infarction Post MI Syndrome SOB Syncope & Collapse</p>	<p>COPD Diabetes Hyperlipidemia Hypertension Palpitations Peripheral Vascular Disease Swelling of Extremity Tachycardia</p>
<p>Nuclear- Cardiovascular Blood Pool Imaging 78472-78473, 78481, 78494, 78496</p>	<p>Acute MI Angina CAD Chest Pain/ Discomfort Enlarged Heart</p>	<p>Atrial Fibrillation COPD Diabetes Hyperlipidemia Hypertension</p>



	Myocarditis Shortness of Breath	Palpitations Peripheral Vascular Disease Swelling of Extremity Tachycardia
CT- Cerebral Perfusion Analysis 0042T	Aphasia Cerebral Infarction due to Thrombosis/ Embolism OR stenosis/ Occlusion of: Left/ Right Carotid Artery Left/ Right Middle Cerebral Artery Dysphasia Facial Weakness Lack of Coordination Slurred Speech Speech Disturbances Sudden Vision loss Visual disturbances	Cerebral Infarction Unspecified Altered Mental Status Weakness *Any rule out indication *Any other signs or symptoms not listed as appropriate
Diagnostic Mammogram 77065- 77066 (Has NCD in place now)	Abnormal/ inconclusive mammogram Breast Cancer, Mass or Lump- Specific laterality & Quadrant documented Breast implant status Cyst- Laterality supplied Dense breasts Enlarged lymph nodes Personal history of breast cancer	Breast cancer Mass Lump

General Guidelines

- Provide laterality for conditions/ diagnosis
- Provide specific sites/ area of condition or disease as applicable
- Avoid general terms such as just “pain, swelling, injury, etc”