

Radiology Services

An essential coding, billing and reimbursement guide for radiology services

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73000-73030

- 73000** Radiologic examination; clavicle, complete
73010 scapula, complete
73020 Radiologic examination, shoulder; 1 view
73030 complete, minimum of 2 views

Explanation

In 73000, films are taken of the clavicle for a complete radiologic examination. The number of films is not specified. The patient is placed supine for a front to back (AP) view and the x-ray is directed to the midpoint and perpendicular to the clavicle. In 73010, films are taken of the scapula for a complete examination. The number of films is not specified. Anteroposterior (AP) and lateral views may be taken. The patient is placed supine for a front to back (AP) view and may be erect or recumbent for a lateral view. The arm is abducted to make a 90-degree angle to the body with the elbow flexed. When the entire shoulder (both clavicle and scapula) are imaged, the patient is supine with the arm extended to a 90 degree angle from the body and externally rotated while the head is turned to face opposite the affected side. Report 73020 for one view only and 73030 specifies a minimum of two views.

Coding Tips

These are unilateral procedures. If performed bilaterally, some payers require that the service be reported twice with modifier 50 appended to the second code while others require identification of the service only once with modifier 50 appended. Check with individual payers. Modifier 50 identifies a procedure performed identically on the opposite side of the body (mirror image). Procedures 73000–73030 have both a technical and professional component. To report only the professional component, append modifier 26. To report only the technical component, append modifier TC. To report the complete procedure (i.e., both the professional and technical components), submit without a modifier. For stress views of the shoulder, see 77071. Transportation of portable x-ray equipment and personnel that may be used when providing these procedures may be reported with R0070 and R0075. Check with the specific payer to determine coverage.

ICD-10-CM Diagnostic Codes

- C41.3 Malignant neoplasm of ribs, sternum and clavicle
 C79.51 Secondary malignant neoplasm of bone
 D16.7 Benign neoplasm of ribs, sternum and clavicle
 P13.4 Fracture of clavicle due to birth injury
 S42.011A Anterior displaced fracture of sternal end of right clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture
 S42.011B Anterior displaced fracture of sternal end of right clavicle, initial encounter for open fracture
 S42.014A Posterior displaced fracture of sternal end of right clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture
 S42.014B Posterior displaced fracture of sternal end of right clavicle, initial encounter for open fracture
 S42.017A Nondisplaced fracture of sternal end of right clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture
 S42.017B Nondisplaced fracture of sternal end of right clavicle, initial encounter for open fracture
 S42.021A Displaced fracture of shaft of right clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture
 S42.021B Displaced fracture of shaft of right clavicle, initial encounter for open fracture

- S42.024A Nondisplaced fracture of shaft of right clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture
 S42.024B Nondisplaced fracture of shaft of right clavicle, initial encounter for open fracture
 S42.031A Displaced fracture of lateral end of right clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture
 S42.031B Displaced fracture of lateral end of right clavicle, initial encounter for open fracture
 S42.034A Nondisplaced fracture of lateral end of right clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture
 S42.034B Nondisplaced fracture of lateral end of right clavicle, initial encounter for open fracture
 T84.69XA Infection and inflammatory reaction due to internal fixation device of other site, initial encounter
 T84.7XXA Infection and inflammatory reaction due to other internal orthopedic prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter
 T84.83XA Hemorrhage due to internal orthopedic prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter
 T84.84XA Pain due to internal orthopedic prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter
 T84.85XA Stenosis due to internal orthopedic prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter
 T84.86XA Thrombosis due to internal orthopedic prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter

AMA: 73000 2014,Jan,11; 2012,Feb,9-10 73010 2014,Jan,11; 2012,Feb,9-10 73020 2014,Jan,11; 2012,Feb,9-10 73030 2014,Jan,11; 2012,Feb,9-10

Relative Value Units/Medicare Edits

Non-Facility RVU	Work	PE	MP	Total
73000	0.16	0.64	0.02	0.82
73010	0.17	0.71	0.02	0.9
73020	0.15	0.5	0.02	0.67
73030	0.18	0.65	0.02	0.85
Facility RVU	Work	PE	MP	Total
73000	0.16	0.64	0.02	0.82
73010	0.17	0.71	0.02	0.9
73020	0.15	0.5	0.02	0.67
73030	0.18	0.65	0.02	0.85

	FUD	Status	MUE	Modifiers				IOM Reference
73000	N/A	A	2(3)	N/A	N/A	N/A	80*	None
73010	N/A	A	2(3)	N/A	N/A	N/A	80*	
73020	N/A	A	2(3)	N/A	N/A	N/A	80*	
73030	N/A	A	4(3)	N/A	N/A	N/A	80*	

* with documentation

Terms To Know

anteroposterior x-ray. X-ray view taken from the front of the body to the back.

lateral. On/to the side.

scapula. Triangular bone commonly referred to as the shoulder blade.

supine. Lying on the back.

