



## Insurance: CPT Coding

### INTRODUCTION

The following information portrays the terminology and coding language physicians use when billing for procedures and services performed.

Accurate coding is essential to ensure prompt claims processing and reimbursement but inclusion of a specific code and fee schedule amount does not guarantee payment. It is critical to be aware of each payer's coverage guidelines. For information regarding specific reimbursement guidelines, including coding, coverage and payment, please consult your local payer, the *Federal Register* or the *Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)*.

### PURPOSE

Physicians select the CPT code and descriptor that most identifies the procedure or service performed. In addition to diagnostic or therapeutic procedures, the physician may also list other procedures performed or pertinent special services plus any modifying or extenuating circumstances when necessary. Accurate documentation of any procedure or service should be in the medical records.

### WHICH CPT CODE(S) BEST ENCAPSULATE THE USE OF THE LUNG FLUTE?

- **Level I HCPCS Codes 94640**
  - *Pressurized or non-pressurized inhalation treatment for acute airway obstruction or for sputum induction for diagnostic purposes (e.g. with an aerosol generator, nebulizer, metered dose inhaler or intermittent positive pressure breathing [IPPB] device)*
- **Level I HCPCS Codes 94664**
  - *Demonstration and/or evaluation of patient utilization of an aerosol generator, nebulizer, metered dose inhaler or IPPB device*
  - Are the most comprehensive and the least exclusionary for sputum induction/harvest using the Lung Flute under any of the reviewed LMRP/LCD Final Policy Titles<sup>1</sup>.

### MEDICINE

When billing for the performance of certain procedures and diagnostic tests/studies for which specific CPT-4 codes are available, billing is not included under Evaluation and Management (E/M) codes may be reported separately, as long as a separately identifiable E/M code is performed. The following codes may be appropriate in combination with and when using Medical Acoustics' Lung Flute.

### PULMONARY

If...	And...	Then use code...
Sputum Induction	for diagnostic purposes	<b>94640</b>
Demonstration and/or Evaluation	instruct on patient utilization	<b>94664</b>

### WHAT IS THE LUNG FLUTE?

- The Lung Flute is a hand-held disposable device that can be used as an aid to inducing high quality sputum samples for diagnostic purposes.
- The Lung Flute represents a technological advance over other mucus clearing PEP devices.
- The Lung Flute uses sound pressure and acoustics to couple with the lungs. The amorphous nature of sound energy penetrates in the human lungs thus more effectively mobilizing lung secretions.
- The simple design of the Lung Flute makes it economical for diagnostic applications.

<sup>1</sup>LMRP/LCD Title Reviewed: Diagnostic Aerosol or Vapor Inhalation, Inhalation Therapy, Outpatient Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Outpatient Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services, Outpatient Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services in Chronic Respiratory Disease, Pulmonary Function Testing –revised, Respiratory Therapy, Respiratory Care, Respiratory Therapy and Oximetry Services, Respiratory Therapy Services

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