

Urodynamic Studies

Policy

Urodynamic studies give information about bladder function, status of the bladder outlet, and urethral function in patients with urinary tract disorders.

The tests utilized to evaluate lower urinary tract dysfunction are: Cystometrogram (simple/complex); Uroflowmetry (simple/complex); Urethral Pressure Studies; Pelvic Floor Electromyography; Stimulus-evoked response; Voiding Pressure Studies; Intra-Abdominal Voiding Pressure Studies.

Harvard Pilgrim reimburses contracted providers for Urodynamic Studies for covered indications consistent with CMS. Harvard Pilgrim will only reimburse for Urodynamic Studies when billed with the CPT and ICD-10 codes listed below under the “Provider Billing Guidelines and Documentation” section of this policy.

Prerequisite(s)

Applicable Harvard Pilgrim referral, notification and authorization policies and procedures apply. Refer to [*Referral, Notification and Authorization*](#) for more information.

Open Access HMO and POS

For [*Open Access HMO and Open Access POS*](#) products, no referral is required to see a contracted specialist.

Harvard Pilgrim Reimburses¹

HMO/POS/PPO

Urodynamic Studies when billed with the CPT and ICD-10 codes listed below under the “Provider Billing Guidelines and Documentation” section of this policy. Covered indications are consistent with CMS and may include, but are not limited to:

- Certain specific neoplasm
- Diabetes with renal/neurological manifestations
- Disc disorders
- Fracture vertebral column with spinal cord injury
- Genital prolapse
- Hypertrophy of prostate
- Incontinence
- Multiple sclerosis
- Neurosyphilis
- Poliomyelitis, poliovirus,
- Oliguria and anuria
- Quadriplegia, neurogenic bladder
- Spina bifida
- Traumatic injury

Harvard Pilgrim Does Not Reimburse

Urodynamic Studies when billed with an ICD-10 code not listed below under the “Provider Billing Guidelines and Documentation” section of this policy.

Member Cost-Sharing

Services subject to applicable member out-of-pocket cost (e.g., copayment, coinsurance, deductible).

Provider Billing Guidelines and Documentation
Coding²
Urodynamic Studies — CPT and ICD-10 Covered Indications

Code	Description
51725	Simple cystometrogram (cmg) (e.g., spinal manometer)
51726	Complex cystometrogram (e.g., calibrated electronic equipment)
51727	Complex cystometrogram (e.g., calibrated electronic equipment); with urethral pressure profile studies (i.e., urethral closure pressure profile), any technique
51728	Complex cystometrogram (e.g., calibrated electronic equipment); with voiding pressure studies (i.e., bladder voiding pressure), any technique
51729	Complex cystometrogram (i.e., calibrated electronic equipment); with voiding pressure studies (i.e., bladder voiding pressure) and urethral pressure profile studies (i.e., urethral closure pressure profile), any technique
51736	Simple uroflowmetry (ufr) (e.g., stop-watch flow rate, mechanical uroflowmeter)
51741	Complex uroflowmetry (e.g., calibrated electronic equipment)
51784	Electromyography studies (emg) of anal or urethral sphincter, other than needle, any technique
51785	Needle electromyography studies (emg) of anal or urethral sphincter, any technique
51792	Stimulus evoked response (e.g., measurement of bulbocavernosus reflex latency time)
51797	Voiding pressure studies (vp); intra-abdominal voiding pressure (ap) (rectal, gastric, intraperitoneal) (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

ICD-10 Covered Indications
Related Policies
Payment Policies

- Coding Overview

PUBLICATION HISTORY

03/15/10	new policy — effective 06/01/10
01/01/12	removed First Seniority Freedom information from header
07/15/12	annual review; no changes
11/15/13	annual review; no changes
06/15/14	added <i>Connecticut Open Access HMO</i> referral information to Prerequisites
11/15/14	annual review; no changes
07/30/15	ICD-10 coding update
11/15/15	annual review; added related policies for clarification of POS conflicts
11/15/16	annual review; no changes
01/15/17	ICD-10 coding update
11/15/17	annual review; no changes
02/01/18	updated Open Access Product referral information under Prerequisites
12/03/18	annual review; administrative edits
12/02/19	annual review; no changes
12/01/20	annual review; no changes
12/01/21	annual review; no changes

PAYMENT POLICIES

¹This policy applies to the products of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and its affiliates—Harvard Pilgrim Health Care of Connecticut, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care of New England, and HPHC Insurance Company—for services performed by contracted providers. Payment is based on member benefits and eligibility, medical necessity review, where applicable, and provider contractual agreement. Payment for covered services rendered by contracted providers will be reimbursed at the lesser of charges or the contracted rate. (Does not apply to inpatient per diem, DRG, or case rates.) HPHC reserves the right to amend a payment policy at its discretion. CPT and HCPCS codes are updated annually. Always use the most recent CPT and HCPCS coding guidelines.

²The table may not include all provider claim codes related to Urodynamic Studies.