



MOHLTC-OMA Education and Prevention Committee Interpretive Bulletin

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Residual Urine Measurements

Introduction

What is the Education and Prevention Committee (EPC)?

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) have jointly established the Education and Prevention Committee (EPC). The EPC's primary goal is to educate physicians about submitting OHIP claims that accurately reflect the service provided so that the need for recovery of inappropriately submitted claims is reduced.

What is an Interpretive Bulletin?

Interpretive Bulletins are prepared jointly by the MOHLTC and the OMA to provide general advice and guidance to physicians on specific billing matters. Bulletins are provided for education and information purposes only, and express the MOHLTC'S and OMA'S understanding of the law at the time of publication. The information provided in this Bulletin is based on the October 2006 Schedule of Benefits – Physician Services (Schedule). While the OMA and MOHLTC make every effort to ensure that this Bulletin is accurate, the Health Insurance Act (HIA) and Regulations are the only authority in this regard and should be referred to by physicians. Changes in the statutes, regulations, or case law may affect the accuracy or currency of the information provided in this Bulletin. In the event of a discrepancy between this Bulletin and the HIA or its Regulations and/or Schedule under the regulations, the text of the HIA, Regulations and/or Schedule, prevail.

EPC Interpretive Bulletins and all other MOHLTC bulletins are available on the Ministry website (http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ohip/bulletins/bulletin_mn.html).

Purpose

The purpose of this Interpretive Bulletin is to advise physicians when residual urine measurement by ultrasound (G900) is eligible for payment.

G900 – Residual Urine Measurements

When is G900 eligible for payment?

G900 is eligible for payment when:

- It is the sole procedure, or

- It is performed only with uroflow studies (flow rate with or without postural studies) billed under fee code G475.

When is G900 not eligible for payment?

As the following services would enable the measurement of residual urine, G900 is not eligible for payment in addition to payment for:

- A pelvic ultrasound.
- An intracavity ultrasound.

- A video fluoroscopic multichannel urodynamic assessment.
- A complete multichannel urodynamic assessment.
- A cystometrogram.
- Voiding pressure studies.
- A urethral pressure profile.

Please refer to the Schedule for descriptions of the ultrasound examinations on page G7, and the urological diagnostic and therapeutic procedures on page J61.

Examples

Example 1

A four-year-old female with a history of recurrent urinary tract infections is referred to Dr. Peduro with a presumptive diagnosis of vesicoureteric reflux. Dr. Peduro concurs with the presumptive diagnosis but, to rule out more common causes, performs a residual urine by ultrasound and a urine flow rate (uroflow) study in the office at that visit.

What is Dr. Peduro eligible for payment of for the tests conducted?

- Both the residual urine measurement by ultrasound (G900) and the uroflow study (G475) are eligible for payment since residual urine by ultrasound may be claimed with uroflow studies.

Example 2

A 63-year-old female with incontinence severe enough to require that she wear a pad day and night is referred to Dr. Yerolojist. She had a total hysterectomy at age 48 and a bladder suspension at age 56. At the first visit, Dr. Yerolojist performs a residual urine by ultrasound in the office. Because the residual is high, Dr. Yerolojist determines that more investigation is required and arranges a repeat residual urine measurement and a video multichannel urodynamic assessment a week later.

What is Dr. Yerolojist eligible for payment of for the tests conducted?

- The residual urine measurement by ultrasound (G900) is eligible for payment at the first visit as it was the sole procedure. For the second visit, the multichannel urodynamic assessment (G192) is eligible for payment if Dr. Yerolojist personally performed the test. If the test was performed by paramedical personnel, and Dr. Yerolojist simply interprets the results, only the interpretation of the urodynamic study (G477) is eligible for payment. In

either case, G900 is not eligible for payment in addition to the multichannel test.

Important Reminder

The MOHLTC frequently sends communications to physicians who bill OHIP. This correspondence may include the Schedule of Benefits or Schedule of Benefits updates, Bulletins and other correspondence such as educational information and monthly remittance advice statements. As a result of these mailings, the ministry processes a large amount of returned mail from physicians where address information is not current.

Physicians with an OHIP billing number can ensure that they receive all ministry communications by contacting their local District Office to report an address change. This applies to the practice address, which the physician is required by law to provide to the ministry, and to the mailing address, which is the address that is usually used when mailings are sent to physicians.

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