

OPPS Payment for ERCP with Stent Placement or Exchange

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- New “combination” CPT codes for ERCP with sphincterotomy (when performed), dilation and stent placement and ERCP with sphincterotomy (when performed), dilation (when performed) and stent exchange have been assigned to APC 0151, ERCP rather than APC 0384, GI Stent Procedures (inconsistent with assignment of other GI stent procedures)
 - Complexity of procedure and resource use are not accurately represented in APC 0151
 - Similar “combination” CPT code for esophagoscopy with dilation and stent placement was assigned to APC 0384

Re-assign CPT codes *43274-ERCP with sphincterotomy, dilation and stent placement* and *43276-ERCP stent exchange w/dilation* to the GI stenting APC, APC 0384, as soon as possible

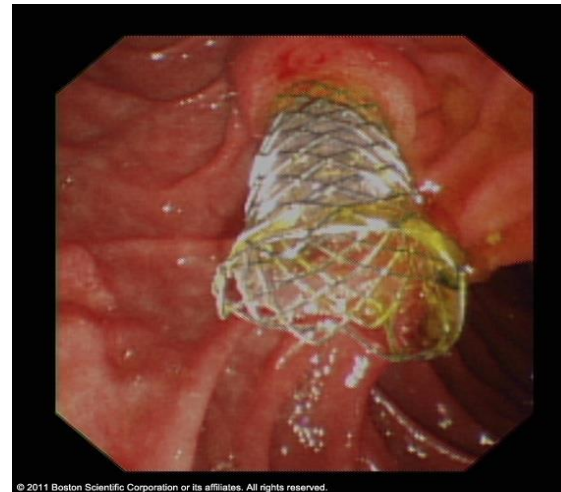
- Insure clinical and resource homogeneity
- Maintain consistency of APC assignments for GI stent procedures

CPT Code 43274: Procedure Description

- Physician performs an endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), passing the endoscope through the patient's oropharynx, esophagus, stomach, and into the small intestine.
- Ampulla of Vater is cannulated and filled with contrast.
- The common bile duct and the whole biliary tract, including the gallbladder, are visualized.
- Sphincterotomy may be performed.
- Guidewire is threaded into the biliary or pancreatic duct.
- A stent is advanced over the guidewire and expanded in place. Balloon dilation may be performed to achieve desired outcome and apposition.
- Guidewire and surgical instruments are removed.



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GI Stent Procedure Overview

APC	HCPCS Code	Descriptor	Involves Stent Placement?	May Involve Dilation?
0384: GI Stent Procedures	43212	Esophagoscop stent placement	✓	✓
	43266	Egd endoscopic stent place	✓	✓
	44370	Small bowel endoscopy/stent	✓	✓
	44379	S bowel endoscope w/stent	✓	✓
	44383	Ileoscopy w/stent	✓	✓
	44397	Colonoscopy w/stent	✓	✓
	45327	Proctosigmoidoscopy w/stent	✓	✓
	45345	Sigmoidoscopy w/stent	✓	✓
	45387	Colonoscopy w/stent	✓	✓

ERCP Procedure Overview

APC	HCPSC Code	Descriptor	Involves Stent Placement?	May Involve Dilation?
0151: ERCP	43260	Ercp w/specimen collection		
	43261	Endo cholangiopancreatograph		
	43262	Endo cholangiopancreatograph		
	43263	Ercp sphincter pressure meas		
	43264	Ercp remove duct calculi		
	43265	Ercp lithotripsy calculi		
	43274	Ercp duct stent placement	✓	✓
	43275	Ercp remove forgn body duct		
	43276	Ercp stent exchange w/dilate	✓	✓
	43277	Ercp ea duct/ampulla dilate		
	43278	Ercp lesion ablate w/dilate		

Blue indicates that procedures were previously assigned to 0384.

Coding and Reimbursement 2013 vs. 2014

CPT® Code	APC	Description	2013 OPPS Payment
43268	0384	ERCP; with stent placement	\$2,117
43262	0151	ERCP; with sphincterotomy, papillotomy	\$864
43271	0151	ERCP; with balloon dilation	\$864
Total Payment:			\$3,844

CPT® Code	APC	Description	2014 OPPS Payment
43274	0151	ERCP; with placement of endoscopic stent into biliary or pancreatic duct, including pre- and post-dilation and guide wire passage, when performed, including sphincterotomy, when performed, each stent	\$1,934
Total Payment:			\$1,934

50%
decrease in
Medicare
national
average
hospital
outpatient
payment for
2014

Rationale: Current assignment misaligns clinical complexity and resource use

Example – CMS Claims Frequency and Costs for CPT Codes 43268, 43262 & 43271:

HCPCS Code Combo	Fre- quency	Geo. Mean Cost	2014 Total OPPS Payment for 43274 in APC 0151	Current 2014 OPPS Payment for APC 0384	2014 Recalculated Geometric Mean for APC 0384 (with reassignment of code combo claims)
43268, 43262 & 43271	1,113	\$4,486	\$1,934	\$2,371	\$2,569 (8% increase)

(Source: CMS 2014 NPRM CPT Cost Statistics File-8/26/13 and 1/16/14)

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Thank You!

Backup

Coding for ERCP; with stent placement

- CPT® code 43274 introduced in the 2014 Final Rule replacing three existing codes (CPT codes 43268, 43262 and 43271) that were commonly billed together by physicians prior to the creation of CPT code 43274
- Prior to 2014, CPT code 43268 – ERCP; with stent placement, as do all other codes used to report GI stent procedures, mapped to APC 0384-GI Procedures with Stents
- Both CPT codes 43262 – ERCP; with sphincterotomy and 43271-ERCP; balloon dilation mapped to APC 0151, Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangio-Pancreatography (ERCP)
- 2013 Medicare hospital outpatient payment for this combination of codes performed at the same time ~ **\$3,844** (national average)
- CMS assigned new CPT® code 43274 to APC 0151, ERCP ~ **\$1,934** (national average)
- Descriptor for new CPT® code 43274, includes **stent placement** into the biliary or pancreatic duct
- By definition, in every procedure reported with the new CTP code 43274, a stent is advanced over the guidewire and expanded in place