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2011 CARDIAC CATHERIZATION CPT CODING CHANGES

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2011 CPT coding changes will have a significant impact on current cardiac catheterization coding and are likely to reduce payments. It is uncertain how much the

bundling will impact reimbursement. Nearly all of the cardiac catheterization codes have been deleted (93501, 93510, 93511, 93514 and 93524-93529) and re-

placed with new codes this coming year. The 20 new code descriptions have combined the heart catheterization, the injections, and imaging supervision
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93451 Right heart catheterization including measurement(s) of oxygen saturation and cardiac output, when performed

93452 Left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, imaging supervision and interpretation

93453 Combined right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, imaging supervision and interpretation,

when performed

93454 Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation

93455 Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with catheter placement(s) in bypass

graft(s), (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) including injection(s) for bypass graft angiography

93456 Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right heart catheterization

93457 Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary an-
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and interpretation into single codes depending on the proce-

cedure being performed. The replacement codes are Cardiac catheterization, 93451-93464,

and coronary angiography, 93563-93568.

See an example below:

Procedure	2010 codes	2011 code
Left Heart Catheterization, Selective Coronary Angiography, Left Ventriculogram	93510, 93543, 93545, 93555, 93556	93458 ◆

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angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) including intraprocedural injection(s) for bypass graft angiography and right heart catheterization

93458 Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed

93459 Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intrapro-

cedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed, catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) with bypass graft angiography

93460 Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed

93461 Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intrapro-

cedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed, catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) with bypass graft angiography

93462 Left heart catheterization by transeptal puncture through intact septum or by transapical puncture (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93463 Pharmacologic agent administration (eg, inhaled nitric oxide, intravenous infusion of nitroprusside, Dobutamine, milrinone, or other agent) including assessing hemodynamic meas-

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urements before, during, after, and repeat pharmacologic agent administration, when performed (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93464 Physiologic exercise study (eg, bicycle or arm ergometry) including assessing hemodynamic measurements before and after (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93563 Injection procedure during cardiac catheterization including imaging supervision, interpretation, and report; for selective coronary angiography during congenital heart catheterization (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93564 Injection procedure dur-

ing cardiac catheterization including imaging supervision, interpretation, and report; for selective opacification of aortocoronary venous or arterial bypass graft(s) (eg, aortocoronary saphenous vein, free radial artery, or free mammary artery graft) to one or more coronary arteries and in situ arterial conduits (eg, internal mammary), whether native or used for bypass to one or more coronary arteries during congenital heart catheterization, when performed (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93565 Injection procedure during cardiac catheterization including imaging supervision, interpretation, and report; for selective left ventricular or left atrial angiography (List separately in addition to code for pri-

mary procedure)

93566 Injection procedure during cardiac catheterization including imaging supervision, interpretation, and report; for selective right ventricular or right atrial angiography (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93567 Injection procedure during cardiac catheterization including imaging supervision, interpretation, and report; for supra-avalvular aortography (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

93568 Injection procedure during cardiac catheterization including imaging supervision, interpretation, and report; for pulmonary angiography (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) ♦