

Possible billing codes for the Digit Widget

The following codes are representative of service that may be associated with use of this product. Not all codes are to be used together. Final determinations of the correct coding are made by the claims submitter/provider ONLY.

Hospital coding

The reimbursement for orthopedic medical devices is often already included in the APC or DRG payment mechanisms for Medicare. Few medical devices have specific HCPCS codes that represent the device; particularly for external fixation devices. This is true across the manufacturer or vendor industry and is not isolated to Hand Bio Lab products. For non-Medicare patients, depending on contractual and other general stipulations of the payer, direct invoicing may be allowed.

CPT 20690--"application of an external fixator" may be used when Digit Widget application is the only procedure performed.

If there is another code used to describe an additional procedure done at the same time as the Digit Widget application, 20690 may be used in addition to the primary procedure code. Some examples follow:

CPT 26525--If a joint release is performed in addition to the application of the Digit Widget--"capsulectomy or capsulotomy; interphalangeal joint, each joint" may be used in addition to CPT 20690.

CPT 26045--"fasciotomy, palmar (eg. Dupuytren's contracture) open partial" may be used in addition to CPT 20690.

CPT 26123--If the contracture is associated with Dupuytren's, and a more extensive release is done along with the Digit Widget, "fasciectomy, partial palmar with release of single digit including proximal interphalangeal joint, with or without z-plasty, other local tissue rearrangement, or skin grafting (includes obtaining graft)" could be used in addition to CPT 20690. If the release only involves the palm use CPT 26121.

Possible HCPCS code for Durable Medical Equipment:

L3905: Wrist-hand orthosis, includes one or more nontorsion joints, elastic bands, turnbuckles, may include soft interface, straps, custom fabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.

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