



2022 CODING AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR

Cardiac Ablation and Left Atrial Appendage Management

AtriCure

2022 Coding and Reimbursement Considerations

Introduction

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Table 1. Physician Coding and Reimbursement*

Current Procedure Terminology (CPT®) are codes describing the procedure during the patient visit. CPT codes that may be appropriate for procedures used in conjunction with cardiac ablation surgery, catheter ablation or LAAM are included below.

| CPT** | Description | CY 2022 Physician Work Relative Value Units (RVUs)*** | CY 2022 Facility Work RVU | CY 2022 National Payment Rates |
|----------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|---|
| Cardiac Surgical Ablation | | | | |
| 33250 | Operative ablation of supraventricular arrhythmogenic focus or pathway without cardiopulmonary bypass | 25.90 | 42.78 | \$1,480 |
| 33251 | Operative ablation of supraventricular arrhythmogenic focus or pathway with cardiopulmonary bypass | 28.92 | 47.77 | \$1,653 |
| 33254 | Operative tissue ablation and reconstruction of atria, limited (e.g., modified Maze procedure) | 23.71 | 40.02 | \$1,385 |
| 33255 | Operative tissue ablation and reconstruction of atria, extensive (e.g., Maze procedure); without cardiopulmonary bypass | 29.04 | 47.77 | \$1,653 |
| 33256 | Operative tissue ablation and reconstruction of atria, extensive (e.g., Maze procedure); with cardiopulmonary bypass | 34.90 | 56.60 | \$1,959 |
| +33257 | Operative tissue ablation and reconstruction of atria, performed at the time of other cardiac procedure(s), limited (e.g., modified Maze procedure) | 9.63 | 17.10 | \$592 |
| +33258 | Operative tissue ablation and reconstruction of atria, performed at the time of other cardiac procedure(s), extensive (e.g., Maze procedure); without cardiopulmonary bypass | 11.00 | 19.10 | \$661 |
| +33259 | Operative tissue ablation and reconstruction of atria, performed at the time of other cardiac procedure(s), extensive (e.g., Maze procedure); with cardiopulmonary bypass | 14.14 | 24.86 | \$860 |
| 33265 | Endoscopy, surgical; operative tissue ablation and reconstruction of atria, limited (e.g., modified Maze procedure); without cardiopulmonary bypass | 23.71 | 39.98 | \$1,384 |
| 33266 | Endoscopy, surgical; operative tissue ablation and reconstruction of atria, extensive (e.g., Maze procedure); without cardiopulmonary bypass | 33.04 | 54.04 | \$1,870 |
| Mitral Valve Surgery | | | | |
| 33420 | Valvotomy mitral valve; closed heart | 25.79 | 42.63 | \$1,475 |
| 33422 | Valvotomy mitral valve; open heart, with cardiopulmonary bypass | 29.73 | 48.87 | \$1,691 |
| 33425 | Valvuloplasty, mitral valve, with cardiopulmonary bypass | 49.96 | 80.10 | \$2,772 |
| 33426 | Valvuloplasty, mitral valve, with cardiopulmonary bypass; with prosthetic ring | 43.28 | 69.85 | \$2,417 |
| 33427 | Valvuloplasty, mitral valve, with cardiopulmonary bypass; radical reconstruction, with or without ring | 44.83 | 71.49 | \$2,474 |
| 33430 | Replacement, mitral valve, with cardiopulmonary bypass | 50.93 | 82.19 | \$2,844 |

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*Atrial appendage ligation, plication, or AtriClip is included in mitral valve and Maze procedures and should not be reported separately when performed in the same session as these procedures.

**Source: American Medical Association. CPT 2022 Professional Edition.

***The facility payment is the physician's professional fee in a facility setting. Average national rates are unadjusted by Geography Practice Cost Index. Payment rates reflect a conversion factor of \$34.6062 (effective first quarter 2022).

+Indicates a secondary add-on procedure code to be listed with primary procedure code.

•Indicates new CPT code.

^For 2022, certain Electrophysiology codes have bundled payments when billed together. If codes 93653, 93613 and 93621 are billed together, the payment is only at the 93653 rate. Similarly, if codes 93656, 93613 and 93662 are billed together, the payment is only at the 93656 rate.

Limited operative ablation: Surgical isolation of triggers of supraventricular dysrhythmias by operative ablation that isolates the pulmonary veins or other anatomically defined triggers in the left or right atrium.

Extensive operative ablation: Services in limited ablation definition and additional ablation of atrial tissue to eliminate supraventricular dysrhythmias. This must include operative ablation that involves either the right atrium, the atrial septum or left atrium in continuity with the atrioventricular annulus.

Table 1. Physician Coding and Reimbursement *continued*

| CPT* | Description | CY 2022 Physician Work Relative Value Units (RVUs)*** | CY 2022 Facility Work RVU | CY 2022 National Payment Rates |
|---|---|--|------------------------------------|---|
| Aortic Valve Surgery | | | | |
| 33390 | Valvuloplasty, aortic valve, open, with cardiopulmonary bypass; simple (i.e., valvotomy, debridement, debulking, and/or simple commissural resuspension) | 35.00 | 56.58 | \$1,958 |
| 33391 | Valvuloplasty, aortic valve, open, with cardiopulmonary bypass; complex (e.g., leaflet extension, leaflet resection, leaflet reconstruction, or annuloplasty) | 41.50 | 67.27 | \$2,328 |
| 33405 | Replacement, aortic valve, open, with cardiopulmonary bypass; with prosthetic valve other than homograft or stentless valve | 41.32 | 66.61 | \$2,305 |
| 33406 | Replacement, aortic valve, open, with cardiopulmonary bypass with allograft valve (freehand) | 52.68 | 84.31 | \$2,918 |
| 33410 | Replacement, aortic valve, open, with cardiopulmonary bypass with stentless tissue valve | 46.41 | 74.51 | \$2,579 |
| 33411 | Replacement, aortic valve; with aortic annulus enlargement, noncoronary sinus | 62.07 | 98.35 | \$3,404 |
| 33412 | Replacement, aortic valve with transventricular aortic annulus enlargement (Konno procedure) | 59.00 | 92.30 | \$3,194 |
| 33413 | Replacement, aortic valve; by translocation of autologous pulmonary valve with allograft replacement of pulmonary valve (Ross procedure) | 59.87 | 94.57 | \$3,273 |
| CABG | | | | |
| 33533 | Coronary artery bypass, using arterial graft(s); single arterial graft | 33.75 | 54.94 | \$1,901 |
| 33534 | Coronary artery bypass, using arterial graft(s); 2 arterial grafts | 39.88 | 64.49 | \$2,232 |
| 33535 | Coronary artery bypass, using arterial graft(s); 3 arterial grafts | 44.75 | 71.79 | \$2,484 |
| 33536 | Coronary artery bypass, using arterial graft(s); 4 or more arterial grafts | 48.43 | 77.32 | \$2,676 |
| Surgical LAAM and Select Imaging Studies | | | | |
| *33267 | Exclusion of left atrial appendage, open, any method | 18.50 | 30.77 | \$1,065 |
| *33268 | Exclusion of left atrial appendage, concomitant, any method | 2.50 | 3.84 | \$133 |
| *33269 | Exclusion of left atrial appendage, thoracoscopic, any method | 14.31 | 24.34 | \$842 |
| 93312.26 | Transesophageal echocardiogram; complete | 2.30 | 3.14 | \$109 |
| *93662.26 | Intracardiac echocardiography during therapeutic/diagnostic intervention | 1.44 | 2.67 | \$92 |
| Electrophysiology Cardiac Ablation, Percutaneous LAAM and Select Imaging Studies | | | | |
| 33340 | Percutaneous transcatheter closure of the left atrial appendage with endocardial implant, including fluoroscopy, transseptal puncture, catheter placement, left atrial angiography, left atrial appendage angiography, when performed, and radiological supervision and interpretation | 14.00 | 23.13 | \$800 |
| 33999 | Unlisted procedure, cardiac surgery | At payer discretion | | |
| 93312.26 | Transesophageal echocardiogram; complete | 2.30 | 3.14 | \$109 |
| *93462 | Left heart catheterization by transseptal puncture through intact septum or by transapical puncture | 3.73 | 6.17 | \$214 |
| *93613^ | Intracardiac EP 3-dimensional mapping | 5.23 | 8.68 | \$300 |
| 93621.26^ | With left atrial pacing and recording from coronary sinus or left atrium | 1.50 | 2.77 | \$96 |
| 93631.26 | Intra-operative epicardial and endocardial pacing and mapping to localize the site of tachycardia or zone of slow conduction for surgical correction | 7.59 | 11.58 | \$401 |
| 93653^ | Comprehensive electrophysiologic evaluation with insertion and repositioning of multiple electrode catheters, induction or attempted induction of an arrhythmia with right atrial pacing and recording and catheter ablation of arrhythmogenic focus, including intracardiac electrophysiologic 3-dimensional mapping, right ventricular pacing and recording, left atrial pacing and recording from coronary sinus or left atrium, and His bundle recording, when performed; with treatment of supraventricular tachycardia by ablation of fast or slow atrioventricular pathway, accessory atrioventricular connection, cavotricuspid isthmus or other single atrial focus or source of atrial re-entry | 14.75 | 24.49 | \$848 |
| *93655 | Intracardiac catheter ablation of a discrete mechanism of arrhythmia which is distinct from the primary ablated mechanism, including repeat diagnostic maneuvers, to treat a spontaneous or induced arrhythmia | 5.50 | 9.15 | \$317 |
| 93656^ | Comprehensive electrophysiologic evaluation including transseptal catheterizations, insertion and repositioning of multiple electrode catheters with intracardiac catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation by pulmonary vein isolation, including intracardiac electrophysiologic 3-dimensional mapping, intracardiac echocardiography including imaging supervision and interpretation, induction or attempted induction of an arrhythmia including left or right atrial pacing/recording, right ventricular pacing/recording, and His bundle recording, when performed | 19.77 | 32.86 | \$1,137 |
| *93657 | Additional linear or focal intracardiac catheter ablation of the left or right atrium for treatment of atrial fibrillation remaining after completion of pulmonary vein isolation | 5.50 | 9.14 | \$316 |
| *93662.26^ | Intracardiac echocardiography during therapeutic/diagnostic intervention | 1.44 | 2.67 | \$92 |

Table 2. Inpatient Facility Coding and Reimbursement

The site of service depends on the patient's chief complaint, clinical presentation and is solely determined by the admitting physician. The ICD-10-CM (Internal Classification of Disease, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification) Diagnosis Code(s) and primary ICD-10-PCS (procedure coding system)(s) determine the MS-DRG (Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Group).

| MS-DRG* | Description | FY 2022 Weighting System | FY 2022 Arithmetic Mean LOS | FY 2022 Inpatient National Standardized Prospective Payment |
|--|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Cardiac Valve | | | | |
| 216 | Cardiac valve and other major cardiothoracic procedures with cardiac catheterization with MCC | 10.04 | 14.7 | \$66,202 |
| 217 | Cardiac valve and other major cardiothoracic procedures with cardiac catheterization with CC | 6.48 | 7.9 | \$42,754 |
| 218 | Cardiac valve and other major cardiothoracic procedures with cardiac catheterization without CC/MCC | 6.11 | 4.2 | \$40,287 |
| 219 | Cardiac valve and other major cardiothoracic procedures without cardiac catheterization with MCC | 8.06 | 10.9 | \$53,134 |
| 220 | Cardiac valve and other major cardiothoracic procedures without cardiac catheterization with CC | 5.41 | 6.5 | \$35,644 |
| 221 | Cardiac valve and other major cardiothoracic procedures without cardiac catheterization without CC/MCC | 4.58 | 4.4 | \$30,201 |
| CABG (Note: in 2022, a majority of CABG + SA cases now route to DRGs 233 and 234) | | | | |
| 231 | Coronary bypass with PTCA with MCC | 8.72 | 12.5 | \$57,475 |
| 232 | Coronary bypass with PTCA without MCC | 5.95 | 8.5 | \$39,261 |
| 233 | Coronary bypass with cardiac catheterization or open ablation with MCC | 7.92 | 12.8 | \$52,242 |
| 234 | Coronary bypass with cardiac catheterization or open ablation without MCC | 5.34 | 8.6 | \$35,187 |
| 235 | Coronary bypass without cardiac catheterization with MCC | 6.10 | 9.8 | \$40,252 |
| 236 | Coronary bypass without cardiac catheterization without MCC | 4.10 | 6.4 | \$27,017 |
| Cardiac Surgical Ablation | | | | |
| 228 | Other cardiothoracic procedures with MCC | 5.33 | 9.6 | \$35,150 |
| 229 | Other cardiothoracic procedures without MCC | 3.44 | 4.0 | \$22,692 |
| Percutaneous Catheter Ablation | | | | |
| 273 | Percutaneous intracardiac procedures with MCC | 3.83 | 6.1 | \$25,234 |
| 274 | Percutaneous intracardiac procedures without MCC | 3.29 | 2.0 | \$21,673 |

CC = comorbidity or complication, MCC = major complication or comorbidity, w/o = without, PTCA = percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty.
*Source: FY22 Medicare inpatient rates based upon Final Rule release. Conversion Factor = \$6,594.31.

Table 3. Outpatient Hospital Reimbursement

| CPT | Procedure Description | CY 2022 Comprehensive APC* | CY 2022 APC Title | CY 2022 Medicare National Standardized APC Payment (HOPPS) |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Percutaneous Catheter Ablation | | | | |
| 93653 | Comprehensive electrophysiologic evaluation with insertion and repositioning of multiple electrode catheters, induction or attempted induction of an arrhythmia with right atrial pacing and recording and catheter ablation of arrhythmogenic focus, including intracardiac electrophysiologic 3-dimensional mapping, right ventricular pacing and recording, left atrial pacing and recording from coronary sinus or left atrium, and His bundle recording, when performed; with treatment of supraventricular tachycardia by ablation of fast or slow atrioventricular pathway, accessory atrioventricular connection, cavo-tricuspid isthmus or other single atrial focus or source of atrial re-entry | 5213 | Level 3 EP Procedure | \$21,915 |
| 93654 | Comprehensive electrophysiologic evaluation with insertion and repositioning of multiple electrode catheters, induction or attempted induction of an arrhythmia with right atrial pacing and recording and catheter ablation of arrhythmogenic focus, including intracardiac electrophysiologic 3-dimensional mapping, right ventricular pacing and recording, left atrial pacing and recording from coronary sinus or left atrium, and His bundle recording, when performed; with treatment of ventricular tachycardia or focus of ventricular ectopy including left ventricular pacing and recording, when performed | | | |
| 93656 | Comprehensive electrophysiologic evaluation including transseptal catheterizations, insertion and repositioning of multiple electrode catheters with intracardiac catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation by pulmonary vein isolation, including intracardiac electrophysiologic 3-dimensional mapping, intracardiac echocardiography including imaging supervision and interpretation, induction or attempted induction of an arrhythmia including left or right atrial pacing/ recording, right ventricular pacing/recording, and His bundle recording, when performed | | | |

CPT codes 93653, 93654, and 93656 are assigned to APC 5213, as these CPT codes include both a diagnostic study and ablation in a single code. These also have a status of J1, and one will typically be the primary code in a case.

*Source: FY 2022 Medicare outpatient rates based upon Final Rule release.

Peer-Reviewed Evidence

Clinical evidence in support of surgical cardiac ablation and left atrial appendage surgical closure, includes, but is not limited to, the following peer-reviewed publications. Citations are available upon request.

Cardiac surgical ablation with/without concomitant cardiac surgery (CABG, MVR, AVR)

Ad, N. et al. (2012). Surgical ablation of atrial fibrillation trends and outcomes in North America. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg*, 144(5):1051-60.

Badhwar, V. et al. (2017). The Society of Thoracic Surgeons 2017 clinical practice guidelines for the surgical treatment of atrial fibrillation. *Ann Thorac Surg*, 103(1):329-41.

Badhwar, V. et al. (2017). Surgical ablation of atrial fibrillation in the United States: Trends and propensity matched outcomes. *Ann Thorac Surg*, 104(2):493-500.

DeLurgio, D.B. et al. (2020). Hybrid Convergent Procedure for the Treatment of Persistent and Long-Standing Persistent Atrial Fibrillation: Results of CONVERGE Clinical Trial. *Circ Arrhythm Electrophysiol*, 13(12):e009288.

Gillinov, A.M. et al. (2015). Surgical ablation of atrial fibrillation during mitral-valve surgery. *N Engl J Med*, 372(15):1399-409.

Musharbash, F.N. et al. (2018). Performance of the Cox-maze IV procedure is associated with improved long-term survival in patients with atrial fibrillation undergoing cardiac surgery. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg*, 155(1):159-70.

Philpott, J.M. et al. (2015). The ABLATE trial: safety and efficacy of Cox Maze-IV using a bipolar radiofrequency ablation system. *Ann Thorac Surg*, 100(5):1541-8.

Rankin J.S. et al. (2020). Surgical ablation of atrial fibrillation concomitant to coronary-artery bypass grafting provides cost-effective mortality reduction. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg*, 160(3): 675-86.

Concomitant cardiac surgery with either (CABG, MVR, AVR) and surgical left atrial appendage management

Caliskan, E. et al. (2018). Epicardial left atrial appendage AtriClip occlusion reduces the incidence of stroke in patients with atrial fibrillation undergoing cardiac surgery. *Europace*, 20(7):e105-14.

Elbadawi, A. et al. (2017). Impact of left atrial appendage exclusion on cardiovascular outcomes in patients with atrial fibrillation undergoing coronary artery bypass grafting (From the National Inpatient Sample Database). *Am J Cardiol*, 120(6):953-8.

Friedman, D.J. et al. (2018). Association between left atrial appendage occlusion and readmission for thromboembolism among patients with atrial fibrillation undergoing concomitant cardiac surgery. *JAMA*, 23;319(4):365-74.

Park-Hansen, J. et al. (2018). Adding left atrial appendage closure to open heart surgery provides protection from ischemic brain injury six years after surgery independently of atrial fibrillation history: the LAACS randomized study. *J Cardiothorac Surg*, 23;13(1):53.

Soltész, E.G. et al. (2021). Improved outcomes in CABG patients with atrial fibrillation associated with surgical left atrial appendage exclusion. *J Card Surg*, 36(4):1201-8.

Whitlock, R.P. et al. (2021). LAAOS III Investigators. Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion during Cardiac Surgery to Prevent Stroke. *N Engl J Med*, 384(22):2081-91.

Table 4. Common ICD-10 codes used during LAAM, cardiac surgery and EP ablation procedures

| ICD-10 CM | Diagnosis Description |
|------------|--|
| I47.1 | Supra ventricular tachycardia |
| I48.0 | Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation |
| I48.1 | Persistent atrial fibrillation |
| I48.11 | Longstanding persistent atrial fibrillation |
| I48.19 | Other persistent atrial fibrillation |
| I48.2 | Chronic atrial fibrillation |
| I48.20 | Chronic atrial fibrillation, unspecified |
| I48.21 | Permanent atrial fibrillation |
| I48.3 | Typical atrial flutter |
| I48.4 | Atypical atrial flutter |
| I48.91 | Unspecified atrial fibrillation |
| I48.92 | Unspecified atrial flutter |
| I49.8 | Other specified cardiac arrhythmias |
| R00.0 | Tachycardia unspecified (inappropriate sinus tachycardia) |
| R55 | Syncope and collapse |
| ICD-10 PCS | Procedure Description |
| 02563ZZ | Destruction of right atrium, percutaneous |
| 02564ZZ | Destruction of right atrium, percutaneous endoscopic |
| 02560ZZ | Destruction of right atrium, open |
| 02573ZZ | Destruction of left atrium, percutaneous |
| 02574ZZ | Destruction of left atrium, percutaneous endoscopic |
| 02570ZZ | Destruction of left atrium, open |
| 02583ZZ | Destruction, conduction mechanism, percutaneous |
| 02584ZZ | Destruction, conduction mechanism, percutaneous endoscopic |
| 02580ZZ | Destruction, conduction mechanism, open |
| 025S0ZZ | Destruction of right pulmonary vein, open |
| 025S3ZZ | Destruction of right pulmonary vein, percutaneous |
| 025S4ZZ | Destruction of right pulmonary vein, percutaneous endoscopic |
| 025T0ZZ | Destruction of left pulmonary vein, open |
| 025T3ZZ | Destruction of left pulmonary vein, percutaneous |
| 025T4ZZ | Destruction of left pulmonary vein, percutaneous endoscopic |
| 02B70ZK | Excision of left atrial appendage, open |
| 02B73ZK | Excision of left atrial appendage, percutaneous |
| 02B74ZK | Excision of left atrial appendage, percutaneous endoscopic |
| 02L73DK | Occlusion of left atrial appendage with intraluminal device, percutaneous |
| 02L74DK | Occlusion of left atrial appendage with intraluminal device, percutaneous endoscopic |
| 02L73ZK | Occlusion of left atrial appendage, percutaneous |
| 02L74ZK | Occlusion of left atrial appendage, percutaneous endoscopic |
| 02L70CK | Occlusion of left atrial appendage with extraluminal device, open |
| 02L73CK | Occlusion of left atrial appendage with extraluminal device, percutaneous |
| 02L74CK | Occlusion of left atrial appendage with extraluminal device, percutaneous endoscopic |

*Source: FY22 AMA ICD-10 PCS codebook

Open approach: An open approach is defined as cutting through the skin or mucous membrane and any other body layers necessary to expose the site of the procedure.

Percutaneous approach: A procedure performed via a percutaneous approach (character value 3) is one in which there is entry, by puncture or minor incision, of instrumentation through the skin or mucous membrane and any other body layers necessary to reach the site of the procedure.

Percutaneous endoscopic approach: Percutaneous endoscopic approach (character value 4) is defined as entry, by puncture or minor incision, of instrumentation through the skin or mucous membrane and any other body layers necessary to reach and visualize the site of the procedure.

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