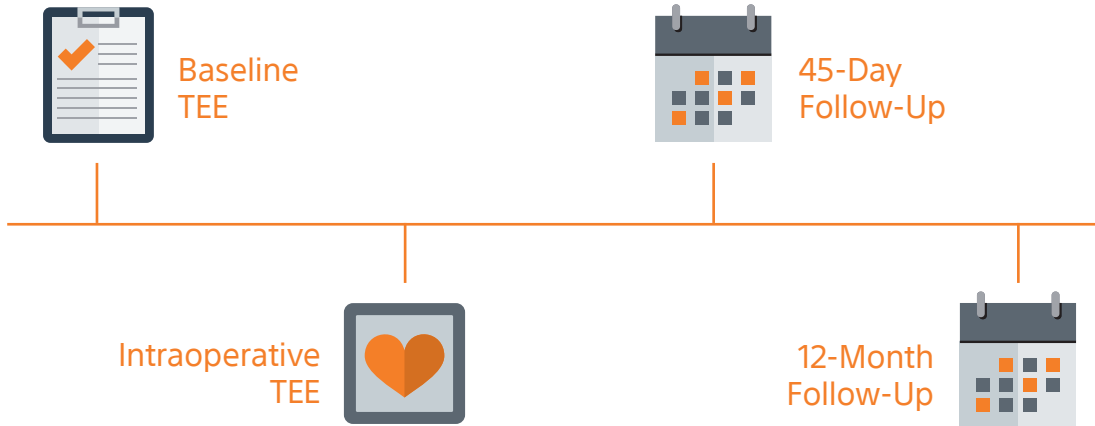


REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR THE TEE AND CT SCAN

Transesophageal Echocardiography



Transesophageal echocardiography (TEE) plays a critical role in visualization and assisting with appropriate candidacy for the WATCHMAN FLX Device. Based on our Directions for Use, the WATCHMAN FLX procedure involves use of TEE imaging as follows:

| CPT Code | Directions for Use |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 93312 | Baseline TEE: Performed prior to the implant procedure to determine if the patient is a suitable candidate for the WATCHMAN FLX Device. |
| 93355 | Intraoperative TEE: Performed during the WATCHMAN FLX implant procedure and provides guided imaging to facilitate device placement. |
| 93312 | Follow-up TEE: Performed at 45 days and 12 months after the WATCHMAN FLX implant to ensure appropriate endothelialization/ healing of the left atrial appendage (LAA). Based on physician assessment, additional follow up TEE may be recommended. |

The baseline and follow up TEE to support the WATCHMAN FLX procedure may be reported with the following code as appropriate:

| CPT Code | Description | APC | Medicare Payment (Hospital) | Medicare Payment (Physician)* |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 93312 | Echocardiography, transesophageal, real-time with image documentation (2D) (with or without M-mode recording); including probe placement, image acquisition, interpretation and report. | 5524 | \$493 | \$109 |

APC: Ambulatory Payment Classification

*Medicare Payment (Physician) listed is for professional services only, which is reported with -26 modifier.

The code 93355 applies to intraoperative TEE's done during WATCHMAN FLX and other structural heart interventional procedures.

| CPT Code | Description |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 93355 | Echocardiography, transesophageal (TEE) for guidance of a transcatheter intracardiac or great vessel(s) structural intervention(s) (e.g., TAVR, transcatheter pulmonary valve replacement, mitral valve repair, paravalvular regurgitation repair, left atrial appendage occlusion/closure, ventricular septal defect closure) (peri- and intra-procedural), real-time image acquisition and documentation, guidance with quantitative measurements, probe manipulation, interpretation, and report, including diagnostic transesophageal echocardiography and, when performed, administration of ultrasound contrast, Doppler, color flow, and 3D. |

NOTE: Code 93355 is reported once per intervention and only by an individual who is not performing the interventional procedure (i.e., WATCHMAN FLX implant). A corrective coding initiative (CCI) edit exists with the code pairs 33340 and 93355 which indicate that these code pairs should not be reported together. The work value for 93355 code is 4.66 with total RVUs of 6.62 and the average professional fee is \$229 for CY2022.

Computed Tomography Scan

The Computed Tomography (CT) could play a critical role in visualization and assisting with appropriate candidacy for the WATCHMAN FLX Device.

| CPT Code | Directions for Use |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 75574 | Baseline CT Scan: Performed prior to the implant procedure to determine if the patient is a suitable candidate for the WATCHMAN FLX Device. |

The baseline CT scan to support the WATCHMAN FLX procedure may be reported with the following code as appropriate:

The baseline and follow up TEE to support the WATCHMAN FLX procedure may be reported with the following code as appropriate:

| CPT Code | Description | APC | Medicare Payment (Hospital) | Medicare Payment (Physician)* |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 75574 | Computed tomographic angiography, heart, coronary arteries and bypass grafts (when present), with contrast material, including 3D image postprocessing (including evaluation of cardiac structure and morphology, assessment of cardiac function, and evaluation of venous structures, if performed) | 5571 | \$182 | \$116 |

APC: Ambulatory Payment Classification

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NOTE: All imaging procedures performed within 72 hour of Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion (LAAO) procedure may be bundled into the DRGs (273 and 274).

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