

Coding and Reimbursement Digest

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Aetna's policies on atherectomy and intravascular ultrasound (IVUS)

On Nov 27, in collaboration with the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography & Interventions, the Society for Vascular Surgery, the American College of Cardiology, and the Outpatient Endovascular and Interventional Society, SIR sent two letters requesting that Aetna update their clinical policies on [atherectomy](#) and [IVUS](#) to reflect current standards of practice.

Aetna has partnered with eviCore to require prior authorization on several [peripheral vascular procedures](#), including atherectomy. Aetna will review our request as part of their clinical policy update process in early 2024.

Retirement of yttrium-90 microspheres local coverage articles

Effective Nov 1, 2023, Noridian Healthcare Solutions retired its local coverage article for treatment with yttrium-90 microspheres for Medicare Part A and Part B medical claims for Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries and covers the following states:

[JE A54072](#): California, American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, North Mariana Islands, Nevada

[JF A52950](#): Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

Have you received the AMA Physician Practice Information Survey?

The American Medical Association (AMA) Physician Practice Information (PPI) Survey is underway, and we urgently need all selected physicians to actively engage in this effort. These data have not been updated since last collected over 15 years ago, and it is critically important to update these data to ensure accurate payment. **We urge you to speak with your practice management colleagues to determine if they have received these communications and ask them to complete this critical survey.** SIR strongly encourages all recipients to participate to ensure IR data is well-represented. For more information, contact economics@sirweb.org.



IR books and resources

- [IR Coding Update book and charge sheets](#)
- [2024 Navigator® Interventional Radiology Procedures](#)
- [2024 Navigator® Evaluation and Management Services for Radiology](#)
- [IR Common Missed Coding Revenue](#)

IR billing and coding courses

- [2023 SIR Revenue Cycle Management course](#)
- [2023 Coding Update On-demand](#)

IR Carrier advocacy coverage letters

- [Endovascular arteriovenous fistula \(EndoAVF\)](#)
- [Liver-directed therapy \(SIRT/TARE\)](#)
- [Ovarian and internal iliac vein embolization](#)
- [Percutaneous bone cryoablation](#)
- [Percutaneous renal cryoablation](#)
- [Prostate artery embolization \(PAE\)](#)
- [Pulmonary cryoablation](#)
- [Uterine fibroid embolization \(UFE\) and uterine artery embolization \(UAE\)](#)
- [Varicocele/gonadal embolization](#)

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- [Summer 2023 intravascular ultrasound \(IVUS\)](#)
- [Fall 2023 IR Category III CPT® codes](#)

SIR members, we are here to help

- [Submit your coding question to our experts.](#)
- [Submit your denied IR procedure.](#)