Eustachian Tube Balloon Dilation Coding with Concomitant Procedures

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Eustachian Tube Balloon Dilation
ETBD

- Code
  - Using 69799 with leaving (31296 - Frontal or 31295 – maxillary) add as a reference into box 19 for comparison for billers

  - The Medicare non-geographically adjusted non-facility fee for 2019 for 31296 $2,031.16

  - In OR Medicare non-geographically adjusted facility fee for 2019 for 31296 is $186.32.
Concomitant Procedures with ETBD

- Balloon Sinus Dilation
  - 43% of patients with Chronic Sinusitis have ETD
- FESS
- Myringotomy
- Tympanostomy tubes – regular or T tubes
- Tympanoplasty or Tympanomastoidectomy
Stand Alone ETBD

- Will bill for
  - Outfracture – 30930
  - Submucosal Resection of Turbinates – 30140
  - Radiofrequency ablation of turbinates – 30802
    - I don’t routinely perform this procedure
Reimbursement

- Last 40 stand-alone cases were reviewed and reimbursement was calculated
- 4 ETBD were paid
  - Avg of $1,067 ($47, $381, $840, and $3000)
- Outfracture – 13 patients, 1 was not paid and included in avg
  - Avg was $96
- SMR turbinates – 27 patient
  - Avg - $400
No other reimbursement in ~130 cases of concomitant procedures

- Tympanostomy tubes
- Tymp or tymp/mastoid
- Sinus surgery

These cases are brought to hospital (not surgery center) due to lack of successful payment