

# simpleABI PAD Testing - A Reimbursement Quick Guide

**Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)** is a serious but underdiagnosed disease that among other issues leads to over 150,000 (and growing) amputations each year. Many medical societies encourage the early diagnosis of PAD.

Diagnosis of PAD is not only good medicine, but it is also good business. CMS has long established several CPT codes for the diagnosis of PAD.

## CPT Codes and National CMS reimbursement for bilateral exams:

- 93922 Limited ABI exam, single level ABI plus PVR waveforms, \$88.36
- 93923 Complete exam, 3 or more levels, or single level with exercise: \$139.87
- 93924 Timed ABI tests with standardized treadmill parameters: \$171.71

## ICD-10 Codes needed to show medical necessity (these are the most common)

- I70.213 Atherosclerosis of the leg with intermittent claudication
- I70.223 Atherosclerosis of the leg with rest pain
- I70.239 Atherosclerosis of the leg with ulceration
- I70.263 Atherosclerosis of the leg with gangrene

There is a CPT code for supervised exercise therapy (SET) treatment for patients with PAD: 93668. Reimbursement is \$53 per session for up to 36 sessions during a 12 week period – total of \$1908 per patient. (2017)

When found early enough PAD can also be treated with pharmaceuticals.

Patients at high risk for PAD and the most common symptoms that justify the reimbursement include:

### HIGH-RISK FACTORS



Smoking History



Diabetes



Over age 65

### COMMON PAD SYMPTOMS AND SIGNS



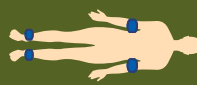
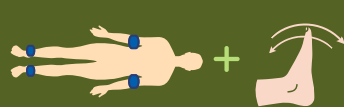

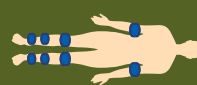

Intermittent Claudication



rest pain



Slow-healing wounds

simpleABI System	250	300	ABI-Q	400CL	450CL	500CL	600CL
93922: Single-level 	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
93923: Single-level w/exercise 					✓		✓
93923: ABI-Q exam w/exercise 			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93923: 3 or more levels 						✓	✓
93924: Timed treadmill exercise 					✓		✓

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