Cervical Disc Arthroplasty

**Reimbursement Guide**

**PRESTIGE® Cervical Disc**

The PRESTIGE® Cervical Disc is a stainless steel artificial disc, which incorporates a proprietary ball-and-trough design. It is designed to treat cervical disc disease by maintaining motion.

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**BRYAN® Cervical Disc**

The BRYAN® Cervical Disc consists of a polyurethane nucleus designed to fit between two titanium alloy surfaces (shells). The bone-contacting surface of each shell includes a titanium porous coating to encourage bony in-growth and long-term stability. A polyurethane sheath surrounds the nucleus and is attached to the shells with titanium wire, forming a closed compartment. Titanium alloy seal plugs provide for retention of a lubricant. Anterior stops on each shell are intended to prevent posterior migration of the device.

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Physician Reimbursement

Physicians use Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes to report all of their services. These codes are uniformly accepted by all payers. Medicare and most indemnity insurers use a fee schedule to pay physicians for their professional services, assigning a payment amount to each CPT code. Under Medicare’s Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) methodology for physician payment, each CPT code is assigned a point value, known as Relative Value Units (RVU), which is then multiplied by a conversion factor to determine the physician payment. Many other payers use Medicare’s RBRVS fee schedule or a variation of it. Industrial or work-related injury cases are usually reimbursed according to the official fee schedule for each state.

Use of CPT codes is governed by various coding guidelines published by the American Medical Association (AMA) and other major sources such as physician specialty societies. In addition, the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI), a set of CPT coding edits created and maintained by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), has become a national standard.

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<th>RVU</th>
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<td>22856</td>
<td>Total disc arthroplasty (artificial disc), anterior approach, including discectomy with end plate preparation (includes osteophytectomy for nerve root or spinal cord decompression and microdissection); single interspace, cervical</td>
<td>46.81</td>
<td>$1,675.86</td>
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Facility Reimbursement

Inpatient Reimbursement

Hospital payment for inpatient services/procedures is usually based on Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRG), case rates, per diem rates or a line item payment methodology. Medicare uses the Medicare Severity-DRG (MS-DRG) payment methodology to reimburse hospitals for inpatient services. Each inpatient stay is assigned to one payment group, based on the ICD-9-CM codes assigned to the major diagnoses and procedures. Each DRG has a payment rate which bundles the reimbursement for all services the patient received during the inpatient stay. Most insurers usually pay the hospital on a contractual basis (i.e., case rate or per diem rate) that has been negotiated between the hospital and insurance carrier.

ICD-9-CM Procedure Codes

Hospitals use ICD-9-CM procedure codes to report inpatient services. The following ICD-9-CM codes are used to report cervical disc arthroplasty procedures.

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<td>84.62</td>
<td>Insertion of total spinal disc prosthesis, cervical</td>
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<td>84.66</td>
<td>Revision or replacement of artificial spinal disc prosthesis, cervical</td>
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Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRG)

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<tr>
<th>MS-DRG</th>
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<th>MDC</th>
<th>Relative Weight*</th>
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<tr>
<td>028</td>
<td>Spinal Procedures with MCC</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>5.3968</td>
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<td>029</td>
<td>Spinal Procedures with CC or Spinal Neurostimulator</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>3.1573</td>
<td>$18,542.25</td>
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<td>030</td>
<td>Spinal Procedures without CC/MCC</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>1.7835</td>
<td>$10,474.17</td>
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<td>518</td>
<td>Back and Neck Procedures except Spinal Fusion with MCC or Disc/Device/Neurostimulator</td>
<td>08</td>
<td>3.0628</td>
<td>$17,987.27</td>
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* MCC – Major Complication and/or Comorbidity. CC – Complication and/or Comorbidity.

Under the MS-DRG system, cases may be assigned to a number of other MS-DRGs, based on individual patient diagnosis and presence or absence of additional surgical procedures performed. Additional MS-DRGs include but are not limited to: MS-DRGs 907, 908, 909; MS-DRGs 957, 958, 959; and MS-DRGs 981, 982, 983.

Outpatient Reimbursement

Facilities use the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) to report outpatient services. Under Medicare’s methodology for outpatient payment, each HCPCS code is assigned to one Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC). Each APC has a relative weight which is multiplied by a conversion factor to determine the facility payment. An APC is assigned to each significant service. Although some services are bundled and not separately payable, total payment to the facility is the sum of the APC amounts for the services provided during the outpatient encounter.

Beginning January 1, 2015, Medicare is implementing a new policy for comprehensive APCs (C-APCs) for device-dependent procedures. Procedures assigned to these C–APCs, with J1 status indicators, are considered to be primary services. When one of these procedures is reported on an outpatient claim, Medicare considers the entire hospital stay, defined as all services reported on that hospital claim, to be one comprehensive service for the provision of a primary service, with all other services packaged. This results in a single Medicare payment and a single beneficiary copayment under the OPPS for the comprehensive service based on all included charges on the claim.

Many payers use Medicare’s APC methodology or a similar type of fee schedule to reimburse facilities for outpatient services. Other payers use a percentage of charges mechanism, depending on their contract with the hospital.

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<td>0425</td>
<td>J1</td>
<td>$10,220.00</td>
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Facility Reimbursement continued

Status/Payment Indicators:

Each HCPCS code in the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) is assigned a status indicator to signify whether a discount (payment reduction) applies to the respective APC payment. The following status indicator is assigned to this procedure:

J1 Hospital Part B services paid through a comprehensive APC

Coverage of Cervical Disc Arthroplasty in the Hospital Outpatient Setting

As of January 1, 2013, Medicare now covers cervical disc arthroplasty (22856) in the outpatient setting. Prior to 2013, this procedure was limited to inpatient services. Commercial payers may allow for the procedure to be performed in this setting. Hospitals should contact the payer and review their payer contracts to ensure coverage and payment for this procedure in the outpatient setting.

Coverage of Cervical Disc Arthroplasty in the Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Setting

Cervical disc arthroplasty (22856) is not listed on Medicare’s Ambulatory Surgery Center List of Covered Procedures, meaning it is not covered in this setting. Commercial payer coverage policies may differ; therefore, the provider should contact the appropriate payer to verify coverage and payment.
Reimbursement Assistance

Reimbursement Support Center

General questions about spine reimbursement for surgeon or hospital

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Internet: www.medtronicspinal.com/spineline

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF INDICATIONS, CONTRAINDICATIONS, AND WARNINGS FOR THE BRYAN® CERVICAL DISC

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The BRYAN® Cervical Disc should not be implanted in patients with an active infection or with an allergy to titanium, polyurethane or ethylene oxide residues, active systemic infection or infection at the operating site; osteoporosis defined as a DEXA bone mineral density T-score equal to or worse than -2.5; moderate to advanced spondylosis characterized by bridging osteophytes, marked reduction or absence of motion, of collapse of the intervertebral disc space of greater than 50% of its normal height; marked cervical instability on radiographs (e.g., radiographic signs of subluxation greater than 3.5 mm or angulation of the disc space more than 11 degrees greater than adjacent segments); significant cervical anatomical deformity or compromised vertebral bodies at the index level (e.g., ankylosing spondylitis, rheumatoid arthritis, or compromise due to current or past trauma); significant kyphotic deformity or significant reversal of lordosis; or symptoms necessitating surgical treatment at more than one cervical level.

The BRYAN® Cervical Disc should only be used by surgeons who are experienced in the surgical procedure and have undergone adequate training with the device. A lack of adequate experience and/or training may lead to a higher incidence of adverse events, such as neurological complications. The safety and effectiveness of this device has not been established in patients with the following conditions: axial neck pain as solitary symptom; not skeletally mature; prior cervical spine surgery, including prior surgery at the index level; facet joint pathology of involved vertebral bodies; active malignancy; Paget’s disease, osteomalacia, or other metabolic bone disease; chronic or acute renal failure or history of renal disease; taking medications known to potentially interfere with bone/soft tissue healing (e.g., steroids); pregnant; unstable cardiac disease: diabetes mellitus requiring daily insulin management; and extreme obesity as defined by the NIH Clinical Guidelines Body Mass Index (i.e., BMI ≥40); less than 21 years of age and were not refractory to at least six weeks of unsuccessful conservative treatment or had signs of progression or spinal cord/nerve root compression with continued non-operative care. Implanted metal alloys release metallic ions into the body. The long term effect of these ions on the body is not known. Patients in the clinical study were instructed to use non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) for two weeks postoperatively. Dosing and frequency were left to the discretion of the physician. It has been reported in the literature that short-term postoperative use of NSAIDs may reduce the incidence of heterotopic ossification.

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