Clinical Indicators: Laryngoscopy/Nasopharyngoscopy *

**Procedure** (Diagnosis must be appropriate for the procedure) | **CPT** | **Days**
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Laryngoscopy, flexible fiberoptic; diagnostic | 31575 | 000
Laryngoscopy, flexible fiberoptic; with biopsy | 31576 | 000
Laryngoscopy, flexible fiberoptic; with removal of foreign body | 31577 | 000
Laryngoscopy, flexible fiberoptic; with removal of lesion | 31578 | 000
Laryngoscopy, flexible or rigid fiberoptic; with stroboscopy | 31579 | 000
Nasopharyngoscopy with endoscope (separate procedure) | 92511 | 000

* If appropriate, a "-25" modifier must be added to the Evaluation and Management (E & M) code if this procedure is performed on the same date.

**Indications**

1. **History** (one or more required)
   a) Persistent hoarseness.
   b) Suspected neoplasm of upper aerodigestive tract.
   c) Chronic cough.
   d) Chronic postnasal drainage.
   e) Recurrent epistaxis.
   f) Chronic rhinorrhea.
   g) Chronic nasal congestion or obstruction.
   h) Hemoptysis.
   i) Hemorrhage from throat.
   j) Throat pain.
   k) Otalgia.
   l) Airway obstruction.
   m) Dyspnea.
   n) Stridor.
   o) Dysphagia
   p) Head or neck masses—unknown primary tumor.
   q) Laryngeal injury—with hoarseness or airway obstruction.
   r) Chronic aspiration.

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s) Velopharyngeal incompetence.
t) Suspected foreign body.
u) Recurrent serous otitis media in an adult. unilateral middle ear effusion
v) Obstructive sleep apnea or severe snoring.
w) Preoperative assessment of vocal cord function, eg, prior to thyroid surgery
x) Headaches or facial pain.

2. Physical Examination (one or more required)

a) Inadequate complete ENT exam (including mirror exam).
b) Description of breathing and voice.

3. Tests (optional, unless required by diagnosis)

a) CT scan of neck including nasopharynx; may include paranasal sinuses, orbit or skull base.
b) Barium swallow, standard or modified.
c) Chest x-ray.

Post Examination Observations

a) Bleeding from nose or mouth or emesis of fresh blood; notify surgeon.
b) Pain.
c) Dyspnea.

Outcome Review

1. Immediate

a) Complications noted, if any.
b) Findings of examination.
c) Documentation of procedure.

Associated ICD-9 Diagnostic Codes (Representative, but not all-inclusive codes):

141.0 Malignant neoplasm of base of tongue
141.1 Malignant neoplasm of dorsal surface of tongue (not BOT)
141.2 Malignant neoplasm tip & lateral border of tongue
141.3 Malignant neoplasm of ventral surface of tongue
141.4 Malignant neoplasm of anterior 2/3 of tongue, NOS
141.5 Malignant neoplasm of junctional zone of tongue
141.6 Malignant neoplasm of lingual tonsil
141.8 Malignant neoplasm of tongue, other sites
141.9 Malignant neoplasm of tongue, NOS
145.2 Malignant neoplasm of hard palate
145.3 Malignant neoplasm of soft palate
145.4 Malignant neoplasm of uvula
145.6 Malignant neoplasm of retromolar trigone
145.8 Malignant neoplasm, oral cavity, other sites, overlapping
145.9 Malignant neoplasm, of oral cavity, NOS
146.0 Malignant neoplasm of tonsil
146.1 Malignant neoplasm of tonsillar fossa
146.2 Malignant neoplasm of tonsillar pillars
146.3 Malignant neoplasm of vallecula
146.4 Malignant neoplasm epiglottis (free edge), A-E folds
146.5 Malignant neoplasm junctional region (A-E folds & pharyngoepiglottic fold)
146.6 Malignant neoplasm of lateral wall oropharynx
146.7 Malignant neoplasm oropharynx, other sites, overlapping
146.8 Malignant neoplasm posterior wall oropharynx
146.9 Malignant neoplasm oropharynx, NOS
147.0 Malignant neoplasm superior wall, nasopharynx
147.1 Malignant neoplasm posterior wall, nasopharynx
147.2 Malignant neoplasm lateral wall, nasopharynx
147.3 Malignant neoplasm anterior wall, nasopharynx
147.8 Malignant neoplasm nasopharynx, other sites, overlapping
147.9 Malignant neoplasm nasopharynx, NOS
148.0 Malignant neoplasm hypopharynx, postericoid region
148.1 Malignant neoplasm of pyriform sinus
148.2 Malignant neoplasm A-E fold, hypopharyngeal aspect
148.3 Malignant neoplasm posterior hypopharyngeal wall
148.8 Malignant neoplasm hypopharynx, other sites, overlapping
148.9 Malignant neoplasm hypopharynx, NOS
149.0 Malignant neoplasm of pharynx, NOS
149.1 Malignant neoplasm of Waldeyer's ring
149.8 Malignant neoplasm lips, oral cavity, and pharynx, NOS
149.9 Malignant neoplasm-defined sites within the lip
150.0 Malignant neoplasm of cervical esophagus
160.0 Malignant neoplasm of nasal cavity
160.1 Malignant neoplasm auditory tube, middle ear, mastoid
160.2 Malignant neoplasm of maxillary sinus
160.3 Malignant neoplasm of ethmoid sinus
160.4 Malignant neoplasm of frontal sinus
160.5 Malignant neoplasm of sphenoid sinus
160.8 Malignant neoplasm sinuses, other sites, overlapping
160.9 Malignant neoplasm sinuses, NOS
161.0 Malignant neoplasm of glottic larynx
161.1 Malignant neoplasm of supraglottic larynx
161.2 Malignant neoplasm of subglottic larynx
161.3 Malignant neoplasm of laryngeal cartilages
161.8 Malignant neoplasm larynx, other sites, overlapping
161.9 Malignant neoplasm of larynx, NOS
162.0 Malignant neoplasm of trachea
172 Malignant melanoma
193 Malignant neoplasm of thyroid gland
194.1 Malignant neoplasm of parathyroid gland
196.0 Malignancy of lymph nodes, head & neck
199.1 Malignant neoplasm, unspecified site
210.1 Benign neoplasm of tongue
210.4 Benign neoplasm of mouth, unspecified
210.6 Benign neoplasm of oropharynx
210.7 Benign neoplasm of nasopharynx
210.8 Benign neoplasm of hypopharynx
210.9 Benign neoplasm of pharynx, unspecified
211.0 Benign neoplasm of esophagus
212.0 Benign neoplasm of nasal cavity, middle ear & sinuses
212.1 Laryngeal papillomatosis
212.2 Benign neoplasm of trachea
226 Benign neoplasm of thyroid
230.0 Malignant neoplasm in-situ oral cavity, lip, pharynx
231.0 Malignant neoplasm in-situ, larynx
231.1 Malignant neoplasm in-situ, trachea
231.8 Malignant neoplasm in-situ, nasal, sinus
235.1 Neoplasm of uncertain behavior, lip, oral cavity, pharynx
235.6 Neoplasm of uncertain behavior, larynx
237.3 Paraganglioma
238.1 Neoplasm of uncertain behavior, connective & other soft tissues
240.0 Goiter, specified as simple
240.9 Goiter, unspecified
241.0 Nontoxic uninodular goiter
241.1 Nontoxic multinodular goiter
241.9 Unspecified nontoxic nodular goiter
242.0 Toxic diffuse goiter
242.1 Toxic uninodular goiter
242.2 Toxic multinodular goiter
242.2 Toxic nodular goiter, unspecified
307.0 Stuttering
349.81 CSF rhinorrhea
350.2 Atypical facial pain
352.0 Disorders of olfaction
381.10 Chronic otitis media
381.19 Other chronic serous otitis media
381.29 Other chronic mucoid otitis media
381.20 Chronic mucoid otitis media
381.50 Eustachian salpingitis
381.51 Acute Eustachian salpingitis
381.52 Chronic Eustachian salpingitis
381.60 Eustachian tube obstruction, unspecified
381.61 Eustachian tube obstruction, osseous
381.62 Eustachian tube obstruction, intrinsic cartnous
381.63 Eustachian tube obstruction, extrinsic cartnous
385.10 Adhesive middle ear disease
462 Sore throat, acute pharyngitis
464.00 Acute laryngitis, without mention of obstruction
464.01 Acute laryngitis, with obstruction
464.10 Acute tracheitis, without mention of obstruction
464.11 Acute tracheitis, with obstruction
464.20 Acute laryngotracheitis, without mention of obstruction
464.21 Acute laryngotracheitis, with obstruction
464.30 Acute epiglottitis, without mention of obstruction
464.31 Acute epiglottitis, with obstruction
464.4 Croup
472.1 Chronic pharyngitis
472.2 Chronic nasopharyngitis
474.00 Recurrent or chronic tonsillitis
474.01 Chronic adenoiditis
474.02 Chronic tonsillitis and adenoiditis
474.10 Hypertrophic tonsils/adenoids
474.11 Hypertrophic tonsils
474.12 Hypertrophic adenoids
474.8 Chronic tonsil/adenoind conditions—calculus, cicatrix, ulcer, tags
474.9 Unspecified chronic disease of tonsils and adenoids
476.0 Chronic laryngitis
476.1 Chronic laryngotracheitis
478.19 Other diseases of nasal cavity & sinuses
478.21 Cellulitis of pharynx or nasopharynx
478.22 Parapharyngeal abscess
478.24 Retropharyngeal abscess
478.25 Edema of pharynx or nasopharynx
478.26 Cyst of pharynx or nasopharynx
478.29 Nasopharyngeal stenosis or abscess
478.31 Unilateral vocal cord/laryngeal paresis
478.32 Unilateral vocal cord/laryngeal paralysis
478.33 Bilateral vocal cord/laryngeal paresis
478.34 Bilateral vocal cord/laryngeal paralysis
478.4 Laryngeal/vocal cord polyp
478.5 Other diseases of vocal cords (nodules, leukoplakia, granuloma, abscess)
478.6 Edema of larynx
478.71 Cellulitis & perichondritis of larynx
478.74 Subglottic/laryngeal stenosis
478.75 Laryngeal spasm
478.8 Upper respiratory tract hypersensitivity reaction
518.81 Respiratory failure
528.3 Cellulitis and abscess, oral cavity
530.11 Reflux esophagitis
530.3 Stricture & stenosis of esophagus
530.82 Esophageal hemorrhage
530.84 Tracheoesophageal fistula
710.3 Dermatomyositis
714.0 Rheumatoid arthritis
748.0 Choanal atresia
748.2 Laryngeal web
748.3 Laryngotracheal anomalies, other (e.g., laryngomalacia, tracheomalacia, laryngocoele, clefts, congenital stenosis)
750.27 Pharyngeal diverticulum
750.29 Velopharyngeal incompetence
750.3 Tracheoesophageal fistula, esophageal atresia and stenosis
780.53 Obstructive sleep apnea
781.1 Disturbances of taste and smell
784.0 Headache
784.1 Throat pain (odynophagia)
784.2 Mass, head or neck
784.41 Aphonia
784.49 Hoarseness—unspecified
784.5 Dysarthria, dysphasia, slurred speech
784.7 Epistaxis
784.8 Hemorrhage from throat
784.9 Choking, sneezing, halitosis, mouth breathing
786.1 Stridor
786.2 Cough
786.3 Hemoptysis
787.2 Dysphagia
933.0 Foreign body, pharynx
933.1 Foreign body, larynx
935.1 Foreign body, esophagus
V10.9 History of malignant neoplasm
V15.82 History of tobacco use
786.09 Respiratory distress
519.8 Airway obstruction
528.9 Acquired VPI
Patient Information

Fiberoptic laryngoscopy and nasopharyngoscopy are diagnostic procedures using a fiberoptic or rigid endoscope usually done in the office. The endoscope is attached to a bright light to look into the nasal passages and back of the throat as far down as the voice box. The instrument is usually passed through the nose after a nasal spray is used to shrink and numb the nasal membranes. This frequently performed examination allows for a more thorough look at the nose, mouth and throat in order to diagnose problems that are otherwise difficult to visualize. Complications associated with this examination are rare and include temporary sneezing, coughing, gagging, and bleeding.

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