

Dear Doctor,

This letter serves to respond to your inquiry regarding the CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) codes to be used with Meridian's DPA device. As you may very well be aware, these codes are not necessarily *device* specific, but rather, CPT codes are used to identify **medical services** and **procedures** for which physicians and medical professionals bill public or private health insurance programs.

The CPT code for use of the DPA is **93922**. You may recognize this code in competitive products, as long as the procedure and service is / are identical. A good analogy would be a colonoscopy procedure. Physicians use the same CPT code, irrespective of whether the colonoscope device or system is made by Olympus, Pentax, Wolf, Storz, or even Xillix Technologies. The key, once again, is accurately reflecting the procedure and service provided. These codes are controlled by the *AMA (American Medical Association)*, and therefore, no one else can guarantee the codes, other than that they accurately reflect services / or procedures reimbursement is being sought.

**CPT CODING 93922: Digital Pulsewave Analysis - Arterial Circulation and Compliance**

Non-invasive physiological studies of upper or lower extremity arteries, single level, bilateral (eg. ankle/brachial indices, Doppler waveform analysis, volume plethysmography, transcutaneous oxygen tension measurement).

**CPT CODING 95921 & 95922: Autonomic Nervous System Testing - Heart Rate Variability**

Two CPT codes for autonomic nervous system monitoring, 95921 & 95922, were established in 1999. These CPT codes enable health care providers to be reimbursed for the autonomic nervous system testing where such testing is indicated.

In order for physicians to get a complete look at autonomic nervous system functioning they must read both sympathetic and parasympathetic branches independently. 95921 Code is provided for parasympathetic nervous system testing and 95922 Code - for sympathetic nervous system testing.

**95921:** Testing of autonomic nervous system function; cardiovagal innervation (parasympathetic function), including two or more of the following: heart rate response to deep breathing with recorded R-R interval, Valsalva maneuver and 30:15 ratio.

**95922:** Vasomotor adrenergic innervation (sympathetic adrenergic function), including beat-to-beat blood pressure and R-R interval changes during Valsalva maneuver and at least five minutes of passive tilt.

Sincerely,

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