2025 Reflectance Confocal Microscopy (RCM) Coding Reference Sheet

The following codes provide guidance for the VivaScope® 1500

Product Description:

The VivaScope® System is intended to acquire, store, retrieve, display and transfer in vivo images of tissue, including blood, collagen and pigment, in exposed unstained epithelium and the supporting stroma for review by physicians to assist in forming a clinical judgement.

CPT CODING	OPTIONS	2024 Medicare PFS
	Image Acquisition and Interpretation	
96931	Reflectance confocal microscopy (RCM) for cellular and sub-cellular imaging of skin; image acquisition and interpretation, first lesion	\$166.67
+96934	Reflectance confocal microscopy (RCM) for cellular and sub-cellular imaging of skin; <i>image</i> acquisition and interpretation, each additional lesion	\$115.59
	Image Acquisition Only	
96932	Reflectance confocal microscopy (RCM) for cellular and sub-cellular imaging of skin; <i>image</i> acquisition only, first lesion	\$124.76
+96935	Reflectance confocal microscopy (RCM) for cellular and sub-cellular imaging of skin; image acquisition only, each additional lesion	\$75.97
	Image Interpretation Only	
96933	Reflectance confocal microscopy (RCM) for cellular and sub-cellular imaging of skin; <i>image interpretation only</i> , first lesion	\$41.91
+96936	Reflectance confocal microscopy (RCM) for cellular and sub-cellular imaging of skin; <i>image interpretation only,</i> each additional lesion	\$39.62

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The following are actual recorded payments for FY2024-2025

96931	California	New York	New Jersey
Medicare	\$182.20	\$192.39	\$182.67
Blue Shield	\$188.37		
Blue Cross	\$134		
UHC	\$191.50	\$206.43	\$206.43
Horizon			\$233.03
Oxford		\$206.43	
Empire		\$137.58	
Cigna		\$200.07	\$103.73
Aetna			\$250
Pinnacle	\$138.62		
Tricare	\$145.17		
Emblem			\$176
UMR			\$206.43
AARP*		\$40.72	\$37.13
GHI		\$330	
Meritain		\$225.23	
Magnacare			\$150.14

96934	California	New York	New Jersey
Medicare	\$125.95	\$138.31	\$104.48
UHC	\$130.04	\$85	\$124.66
Blue Shield	\$78.79		
Blue Cross	\$86.75		
Tricare	\$100.35		
Empire		\$68.79	
AARP*		\$28.11	\$26.65
Horizon			\$134.94
Oxford		\$85	\$115

96933	Approved	Approval %
UHC	\$10	100%
Medicare	\$40	100%
BC/BS	\$10	100%

96936	Approved	Approval %
UHC	\$10	100%
Medicare	\$40	80%

Points to Remember

*Global Period ODay: All E/M services should be separately reported including initial and follow-up visits. *On April 28, 2018, The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) issued a position statement on RCM, which supports the use of RCM as a modality for in-vivo microscopic examination of suspicious epidermal and superficial dermal skin lesions for diagnosing skin pathology when clinically appropriate. *It is always good practice to pre-authorize intended health care services with commercial plans. A variety of information can be collected during this process including (1) exclusions of coverage, (2) medical necessity, and (3) requirements for authorization of services. *2018 MUE (Medically Unlikely Edits) no more than 3 skin areas to be reported per calendar day.

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