

Patient: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Age: _____

CRITERIA FOR MEDICARE PATIENTS

Packs/day (20 cigarettes/pack): _____ x Years smoked: _____ = Pack years: _____

(Must have a 20 pack year history minimum) AND

Are between 50-77 years of age

Currently smoking: Yes No If no, how many years quit? _____

(Must be a current smoker or quit within last 15 years) AND

G0296 Counseling Visit to Discuss Need for LDCT (Must be billed out prior to ordering LDCT)

CRITERIA FOR NON-MEDICARE PATIENTS

Packs/day (20 cigarettes/pack): _____ x Years smoked: _____ = Pack years: _____

(Must have a 20 pack year or more smoking history)

Currently smoking: Yes No If no, how many years quit? _____

(Must be a current smoker or quit within last 15 years) AND

Are between 50-80 years of age.

Ordering MD: _____ NPI (National provider Identifier): _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

CT Lung Screening Exam (initial, repeat, or follow-up)

Procedure code: 71271 LDCT Lung Cancer Screening (CSCRCWO) Diagnosis Code: Z87.891

By signing this order, you are certifying that:

- The patient has participated in a shared decision making session during which potential risks and benefits of CT lung screening were discussed.
- The patient was informed of the importance of adherence to annual screening, impact of comorbidities, and ability/willingness to undergo diagnosis and treatment.
- The patient was informed of the importance of smoking cessation and/or maintaining smoking abstinence, including the offer of Medicare-covered tobacco cessation counseling services, if applicable.
- The patient is asymptomatic (no symptoms such as fever, chest pain, new shortness of breath, new or changing cough, coughing up blood or unexplained significant weight loss).

ORDERING MD SIGNATURE

_____/_____/_____
DATE

Guidelines for non-Medicare Lung Cancer Screening Patients

If the patient meets the following criteria and has NO INSURANCE, completely self-pay, the patient will pay \$350 on the day of the CT. The encounter will be made under the ordering physician. Please send the patient to Patient Accounts to make a payment before sending the patient to the CT department.

If the patient meets the following criteria and has PRIVATE INSURANCE, the lung cancer screening CT will need preauthorization using CPT code 71271; this code assures the screening price and not a diagnostic chest CT price. Some insurances will cover; some will not. If there is a valid authorization, the patient does not need to pay the \$350 the day of the exam. The exam will be billed to their insurance at \$350; coverage will be dependent on their deductible and policy. They will be billed by the clinic after insurance processes. If the insurance denies the authorization and the patient still requests the CT be done, please have the patient sign an ABN.

Criteria for non-Medicare Patients

- Have a 20 pack-year or more smoking history **AND**
- Smoke now or have quit within the past 15 years **AND**
 - Are between 50 and 80 years of age **AND**
 - Asymptomatic

Guidelines for Medicare lung cancer screening patients

Physician must bill a counseling session with the exam visit when lung cancer screening is discussed, or the CT will not be paid. The code is G0296 – counseling visit to discuss need for lung cancer screening using Dx: Z87.891 (personal history of tobacco use/nicotine dependence).

Criteria for Medicare Patients

- Have a 20 pack-year smoking history **AND**
- Smoke now or have quit within the last 15 years **AND**
 - Are between 50-77 years of age **AND**
 - Asymptomatic

Medicare covers an annual lung screening CT if all criteria are met. Please do not assume a patient is on Medicare, it is best to check with precertification as you do with all other CT scans. All forms are available in the internal website under patient handouts. Any outside physician will be faxed the criteria and orders from the CT department. Please call the CT department at ext. 2209 with any questions.

Calculation for pack-year:

Packs per day (20 cigarettes/pack) _____ x Years smoked _____ = Pack years _____

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