

The table at the end of this shows changes made to Linear Accelerator CPT codes from 2014 to 2015. As shown in the table...some codes have been deleted and some new ones added. According to Brenda Hall, Director of the CFV Cancer Treatment and CyberKnife Center, the new ones are the result of bundling done combining CPT Codes this year.

In addition, based upon my conversation with Brenda, the time associated with simple, intermediate, and complex (SIC) patient treatments are less than IMRT patient treatment which are less than CyberKnife patient treatments. CyberKnife patients can take 3x longer than SIC. So, getting rid of ESTV weighting would result in under-stating utilization at those facilities with this capability.

In addition, the question still remains about how to treat port films and radio guidance for Loc Target Volume, both of which add time to the patient treatment ... and may be bundled with the CPT or may a be separately billed CPT.

Not sure if there has been a revised American College of Radiology ESTV definitions since those initially utilized in the methodology. I found one study from Australia (see the attached pdf that includes the substance of the abstract but as you can see other text did not print directly to adobe but the citation is there), that said ESTVs did not work, but it does not say what does. I could not find anything online but my access to many of the medical journals is limited. You may be able to use your resources on the SHCC to obtain this information and update according to those changes, if any.

I would recommend either:

1. Updating ESTVs if you can find new information from the American College of Radiology or elsewhere
2. A survey to all cancer centers to determine time associated with each type of case and if a port films and radio guidance for Loc Target Volume are included and then develop a revised table to discuss at a larger discussion group; or
3. A discussion group with a specific goal of going through each CPT code and defining time per treatments... and time needed between cases to redefine weighting of cases.

Clinical Tx Mgmt - Linear Accelerator CPT Codes				
FFY 2014		Change	FFY 2015	
Port Films	77417	No Chg	Port Films	77417
Daily Tx 6-10-S	77403	Deleted		
Daily Tx 6-10-I	77408	Deleted		
Daily Tx 6-10-C	77413	Deleted		
Daily Tx 11-19-S	77404	Deleted		
Daily Tx 11-19-I	77409	Deleted		
Daily Tx 11-19-C	77414	Deleted		
		Added	Daily Tx-S	77402
		Added	Daily Tx-I	77407
		Added	Daily Tx-C	77412
IMRT Tx Delivery	77418	Deleted		
		Added	IMRT Tx Delivery-S	77385
		Added	IMRT Tx Delivery-C	77386
X-Ray Guidance	77421	Deleted		
		Added	Guidance for Loc Target Volume	77387
CK Single Fx-Cranial	77372	No Chg	CK Single Fx-Cranial	77372
CK 1-5 fx's-non cranial	77373	No Chg	CK 1-5 fx's-non cranial	77373

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