



Reimbursable Diagnosis of Peripheral Arterial Disease... Economical and Fast!

Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) affects 8-12 million Americans every year. Diabetics and the elderly are at greater risk. The LifeDop™ ABI from Summit Doppler provides an economical system to diagnose PAD while providing additional income to the doctor's office.

WHAT IS PAD? Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) is characterized by the partial or complete blockage of the arteries in the limbs. There are a number of risk factors including age, smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, and diabetes. One common symptom is leg pain or cramps, especially in the calves, which is most often apparent during a walk or other mild exercise that subsides with rest. This symptom is known as claudication.

REIMBURSEMENTS? Physicians have been searching for a fast, non-invasive, reliable, and reimbursable way to test for PAD. The ABI (Ankle Brachial Index) is reimbursable as part of a single level bi-lateral lower extremity exam.
(Reimbursement requirements and amounts vary by state)

WHO SHOULD PERFORM THE ABI EXAMINATION?

PRIMARY CARE - Several national organizations including the AHA, ADA, and the NIH are encouraging the primary care physician to provide the ABI exam in their practice. The PARTNERS study indicates that Peripheral Arterial Disease is prevalent and under diagnosed in the primary care setting, but is easily detected by the ABI examination.

INTERNAL MEDICINE - Older patients, diabetics, and smokers are at a substantially greater risk for PAD. The adult patient base that normally visits Internal Medicine practices are at a higher risk. The higher risk category provides their practice a greater income stream and quick return on investment.

CARDIOLOGY OFFICES - Cardiologists are expanding their practice from the coronary system to the peripheral vascular system. Patients with PAD are at a 7-10 times greater risk for a coronary event or stroke. Cardiologists are now conducting the ABI exam, and encouraging their referring physicians to also conduct the ABI exam, to identify patients that may also have coronary or carotid blockage.

HOSPITALS - Many hospitals are implementing ABI programs within their facilities and at their sustaining medical offices. By implementing ABI programs they are diagnosing high risk patients and treating them prior to a potential catastrophic event.



VASCULAR SYSTEM

- Sensitive bi-directional probe!
- Auto-sizing waveform!
- Fast waveform printout on label paper for report generation!
- ABI Exam with waveform is reimbursable under CPT93922 at an average of \$85.00 per exam!
(Requirements vary by state)



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