



Guide to Lung and Pleura CPT Coding Changes

Deleted Code	Deleted Code Descriptor	New Code	New Code Descriptor	
32095	Thoracotomy, limited, for biopsy of lung or pleura	32096	Thoracotomy, with diagnostic biopsy(ies) of lung infiltrate(s) (eg, wedge, incisional), unilateral	
		32097	Thoracotomy, with diagnostic biopsy(ies) of lung nodule(s) or mass(es) (eg, wedge, incisional), unilateral	
		↘ ↗		
32402	Biopsy, pleura; open	32098	Thoracotomy, with biopsy(ies) of pleura	
32500	Removal of lung, other than total pneumonectomy; wedge resection, single or multiple	32505	Thoracotomy; with therapeutic wedge resection (eg, mass, nodule), initial	
		+32506	with therapeutic wedge resection (eg, mass or nodule), each additional resection, ipsilateral (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (Report 32506 only in conjunction with 32505)	
		+32507	with diagnostic wedge resection followed by anatomic lung resection (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (Report 32507 in conjunction with 32440, 32442, 32445, 32480, 32482, 32486, 32488, 32503, 32504)	
32602	Thoracoscopy, diagnostic (separate procedure); lungs and pleural space, with biopsy	32607	Thoracoscopy; with diagnostic biopsy(ies) of lung infiltrate(s) (eg, wedge, incisional), unilateral	
		32608	with diagnostic biopsy(ies) of lung nodule(s) or mass(es) (eg, wedge, incisional), unilateral	
		32609	with biopsy(ies) of pleura	
32603	pericardial sac, without biopsy	↘ ↗	32601	Thoracoscopy, diagnostic (separate procedure); lungs, pericardial sac, mediastinal or pleural space, without biopsy
32605	mediastinal space, without biopsy			
32657	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with wedge resection of lung, single or multiple	32666	with therapeutic wedge resection (eg, mass, nodule), initial unilateral	
		+32667	with therapeutic wedge resection (eg, mass or nodule), each additional resection, ipsilateral (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (Report 32667 only in conjunction with 32666)	

		+32668	with diagnostic wedge resection followed by anatomic lung resection (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (Report 32668 in conjunction with 32440, 32442, 32445, 32480, 32482, 32484, 32486, 32488, 32503, 32504, 32663, 32669, 32670, 32671)
32660	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with total pericardiectomy		
New Code	New Code Descriptor		
32669	Thoracoscopy, surgical; with removal of a single lung segment (segmentectomy)		
32670	with removal of two lobes (bilobectomy)		
32671	with removal of lung (pneumonectomy)		
32672	with resection-plication for emphysematous lung (bullous or non-bullous) for lung volume reduction (LVRS), unilateral includes any pleural procedure, when performed		
32673	with resection of thymus, unilateral or bilateral		
+32674	with mediastinal and regional lymphadenectomy (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (Report 32674 in conjunction with 32440, 32442, 32445, 32480, 32482, 32484, 32486, 32488, 32503, 32504, 32505, 32663, 32666, 32667, 32669, 32670, 32671)		
Existing Code	Current Code Descriptors and Descriptor Changes	Other Codes Affected by Descriptor Change	
32100	Thoracotomy; with exploration (descriptor changes) Thoracotomy, major; with exploration and biopsy	32110, 32124, 32140, 32141, 32150, 32610	
32440	Removal of lung, pneumonectomy (descriptor changes) Removal of lung, total pneumonectomy	32442, 32445	
32480	Removal of lung, other than pneumonectomy; single lobe (lobectomy) (descriptor changes) Removal of lung, other than total pneumonectomy; single lobe (lobectomy)	32482, 32484, 32488, 32491	
32601	Thoracoscopy, diagnostic (separate procedure); lungs, pericardial sac, mediastinal or pleural space, without biopsy (descriptor changes) Thoracoscopy, diagnostic (separate procedure); lungs and, pericardial sac, mediastinal or pleural space, without biopsy	No other codes affected	
32663	with lobectomy (single lobe) (descriptor changes) with lobectomy, total or segmental (single lobe)	No other codes affected	
+38746	Thoracic lymphadenectomy by thoracotomy, mediastinal and regional lymphadenectomy (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (Report 38746 in conjunction with 32440, 32442, 32445, 32480, 32482, 32484, 32486, 32488, 32503, 32504, 32505) (descriptor changes) Thoracic lymphadenectomy, regional	No other codes affected	

	by thoracotomy, including mediastinal and peritracheal nodes regional lymphadenectomy (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	
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