

# 2010 GERD Reimbursement Fact Sheet

SURGEON CPT CODE <sup>1</sup>	PROCEDURE	NATIONAL AVERAGE MEDICARE PAYMENT <sup>3</sup> FACILITY	NATIONAL AVERAGE AVERAGE PAYMENT <sup>2</sup> NON-FACILITY
<b>Traditional Open Procedure</b>			
43200	Esophagoscopy, rigid or flexible; diagnostic, with or without collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing (separate procedure)	\$104	\$206
43202	Esophagoscopy, rigid or flexible; with biopsy, single or multiple	116	270
43235	Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy including esophagus, stomach, and either the duodenum and/or jejunum as appropriate; diagnostic, with or without collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing (separate procedure)	147	287
43239	Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy including esophagus, stomach, and either the duodenum and/or jejunum as appropriate; with biopsy, single or multiple	173	333
43257	Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy including esophagus, stomach, and either the duodenum and/or jejunum as appropriate; with delivery of thermal energy to the muscle of lower esophageal sphincter and/or gastric cardia, for treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease	320	NA
43324	Esophagogastric fundoplasty (e.g., Nissen, Belsey IV, Hill procedures)	1,332	NA
43325	Esophagogastric fundoplasty with fundic patch (Thal-Nissen procedure)	1,314	NA
43326	Esophagogastric fundoplasty with gastroplasty (e.g., Collis)	1,328	NA

## Laparoscopic Procedure

43280	Laparoscopy, surgical; Esophagogastric fundoplasty (e.g., Nissen, Toupet procedures)	\$1,053	NA
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## OUTPATIENT FACILITY

### Hospital Outpatient Department

APC	APC DESCRIPTION	MEDICARE PAYMENT <sup>3</sup>
0141	Level I Upper GI Procedures (For CPT codes: 43200, 43202, 43235, 43239)	\$588
0422	Level II Upper GI Procedures (For CPT code: 43257)	1,632
0132	Level III Laparoscopy (For CPT code: 43280)	4,906

### Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center

CPT CODES	MEDICARE PAYMENT <sup>4</sup>
For CPT codes: 43200, 43202, 43235	\$342
For CPT code: 43239	369
For CPT code: 43257	850

## INPATIENT FACILITY

ICD-9 CODE <sup>5</sup>	DESCRIPTION
42.23	Other esophagoscopy
42.24	Closed (endoscopic) biopsy of esophagus
42.33	Endoscopic excision or destruction of lesion or tissue of esophagus
44.65	Esophagogastroplasty
44.66	Other procedures for creation of esophagogastric sphincteric competence (Nissen Fundoplication) (Repair stomach)
44.67	Laparoscopic procedures for creation of esophagogastric sphincteric competence
44.69	Other repair of stomach, NOS

**NOTE:** ICD-9 codes are grouped into Medicare Severity Diagnoses Related Groups (MS-DRGs) for Medicare reimbursement using a patient's diagnoses, procedures performed, age, sex and discharge status. One MS- DRG is assigned to each inpatient stay.

MS-DRG	DESCRIPTION	AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS) <sup>6</sup>	NATIONAL AVERAGE DRG PAYMENT <sup>6</sup>
326	Stomach, esophageal & duodenal procedures with MCC	16.6	\$32,081
327	Stomach, esophageal & duodenal procedures with CC	9.2	15,273
328	Stomach, esophageal & duodenal procedures without CC/MCC	4.0	7,873

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- 2 Federal Register, Vol. 74, No. 226, Wednesday, November 25, 2009/ Rules and Regulations. The 2010 Physician Reimbursement Conversion Factor = \$36.8729; Federal Register.
- 3 Federal Register, Vol. 74, No. 223, Friday, November 20, 2009/ Rules and Regulations; Hospital Outpatient Payment.
- 4 Federal Register, Vol. 74, No. 223, Friday, November 20, 2009/ Rules and Regulations; ASC Reimbursement.
- 5 Hospital ICD-9-CM 2010 Volumes 1, 2 & 3, 9th Revision-Clinical Modification, American Medical Association. Copyright © 2009 Saunders, an imprint of Elsevier, Inc.
- 6 Federal Register, Vol. 74, No. 165, Thursday, August 27, 2009/ Rules and Regulations; National Average DRG Payment.

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