



Common Bedside Ultrasound CPT Codes with RVU

SCP Health utilizes the 2017 National Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value

CPT Code	Common Bedside Ultrasound Codes:	RVU
76775	Emergency Imaging of the Abdominal Aorta (AAA)	0.82
76705	Biliary Ultrasound: Used for evaluation of the gallbladder for gallstones.	0.84
76775	Renal Ultrasound: Used for evaluation for hydronephrosis or bladder distention in patients with suspected obstructive uropathies.	0.82
76857	Bladder Only Ultrasound	0.71
93971	DVT/Duplex Scan	0.63
76870	Scrotal Ultrasound	0.92

CPT Code	Fast Exam Ultrasound Codes:	RVU
93308	Cardiac: Used for trans-thoracic evaluation of the heart to evaluate for pericardial effusion, cardiac function in arrhythmia or etiology of hypotension.	0.73
76705	Abdomen	0.84
76604	Chest	0.77

FAST Ultrasounds are used to rapidly identify free fluid (usually blood) in the peritoneal, pericardial, or pleural spaces. Four areas are typically examined: Perihepatic and hepato-renal space; Peri splenic; Pelvis; Pericardium

CPT Code	Common Beside Ultrasound Codes for Soft Tissue/Musculoskeletal:	RVU
76536	Head/Neck	0.80
76882	Upper Extremity	0.70
76882	Axilla	0.70
76604	Chest Wall	0.77
76642	Breast - Used for evaluating a breast abscess.	0.97
76604	Upper/Mid Back	0.77
76705	Lower Back	0.84
76705	Abdominal Wall	0.84
76857	Pelvic Wall/Buttock/Perineum	0.71
76882	Lower Extremity	0.70
76604	Thoracic: Used for evaluation of the chest.	0.77

Soft Tissue/Musculoskeletal: Used to distinguish between cellulitis and abscess and is rapidly growing in use in ED. Correct coding for evaluation of a palpable soft-tissue mass is based on the location of the subcutaneous abnormality.



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CPT Code	Common Bedside Ultrasound Codes for Pregnancy	RVU
76815	Pelvic	0.94
76817	Transvaginal	1.09

Ultrasound in Pregnancy: Used to differentiate between early intrauterine pregnancy, spontaneous abortion, ectopic pregnancy, ruptured ovarian cyst, ovarian torsion, as well as diseases that are neither gynecologic nor pregnancy related. The primary goal of bedside ultrasound is to identify the presence or absence of an intrauterine pregnancy and presence or absence of free fluid in the pelvic peritoneum in order to support clinical decision making.

CPT Code	Common Bedside Ultrasound Codes for Ocular:	RVU
76512	Ophthalmic	1.50
76529	Ocular: Used for foreign body evaluation.	0.91

Ocular: Used to detect posterior chamber and orbital pathology as well as evaluation of the optic nerve sheath diameter.

CPT Code	Common Bedside Ultrasound for Procedure Guidance Codes:	RVU
76942	Ultrasound-guidance for needle placement: (i.e., abscess drainage, lumbar puncture, foreign body removal, etc.) This code applies to virtually all localization and needle placement procedures performed by emergency clinicians other than vascular access. Requires permanently recorded images of the sited to be localized but does not require a real-time image of the needle in the target.	0.92
76937	Ultrasound-guidance for vascular access: (i.e., central lines) This code requires special real-time image documentation. The static technique, in which the operator identifies the vessel by location, depth and angle then marks the skin and sets the transducer aside for line placement, is not reimbursable. The code requires the following: "Ultrasound guidance for vascular access requiring ultrasound evaluation of potential access sites, documentation of selected vessel patency, concurrent real-time ultrasound visualization of vascular needle entry, with permanent recording and reporting. An example of adequate image documentation for vascular access is a single thermal print of the Angio catheter needle in the vessel obtained while the procedure is occurring. A cineloop, foot pedal, DVD recorder, or an assistant is helpful in obtaining this image.	0.41

Ultrasound Guidance Procedures: Used for facilitation of procedures that are currently performed in a "blinded" manner- central and peripheral line vascular access, supra-pubic urinary bladder aspiration, thoracentesis, paracentesis, arthrocentesis, etc. In addition to billing the ultrasound code, the CPT code for the surgical procedure is also coded.