

Billing/Documentation for Electrical Stimulation

Unattended Electrical Stimulation

G0283 (for Medicare) or 97014 represents unattended electrical stimulation applied to one or more areas for indications other than wound care. Therapist sets up the modality (i.e., places the electrodes, determines the treatment parameters, turns the machine on/off, removes the electrodes), but otherwise leaves the patient during the treatment.

Billing/Documentation for G0283/97-14

Prefixes

Pain: "Patient c/o pain 7/10 in _____ that undermines _____ (functional activity). Disuse of _____ also causes muscle atrophy/disuse, which compromises (overall activity tolerance? performance of _____?)...."

Motor: "Therapist analyzed movement in the affected _____; patient exhibits _____ in the affected _____ and scores _____, that undermines _____ (mobility? activity tolerance? STS?)."

Main Body

"Based on skilled analysis, therapist selected optimal (motor points?/muscles?), which were the _____; therapist applied surface electrodes to the _____; therapist turned on device, graded amplitude, and optimized (other treatment parameters) to maximize (pain reduction? ROM) at ___ mA; therapist analyzed and monitored _____ (ROM; patient reaction). Stimulation applied for ___ minutes..."

Additional verbiage about what you observed?? Patient subjective reports?

Attended (97032) Electrical Stimulation

- While performing a therapeutic exercise, or functional activity at the same time.
- Supervision needed for safety reasons only does not qualify as constant attendance
- Instructing the patient on use the unit is billable under 97032.
- Document the area is being treated. If you're using e-stim specifically for muscle weakness, the objective rating of strength and the functional deficits need to be included in your documentation.

Main Body

"Patient exhibits _____ (score or observation) in the affected _____ that undermines _____ (functional activity). Based on skilled analysis, therapist selected optimal (motor points?/muscles?), which were the _____; therapist applied surface electrodes to the _____; therapist turned on device, graded amplitude, and optimized (other treatment parameters) to maximize ROM at ___ mA; therapist analyzed and monitored _____ (ROM; patient reaction). Therapist provide stimulation during performance of _____ (ADL); During "on" times of stimulation patient _____ in order to _____ (extend fingers around cup; assist dorsiflexion to clear foot off of ground for safe and effective ambulation); during "off times, patient _____. Therapist monitored and graded activity by _____..."

Discuss quality of movement, number of repetitions/time, any changes in stim parameters, rest breaks.