

CPT Codes and the AcuGraph® Exam

We are often asked which codes should be used for AcuGraph® exams and acupuncture treatments. In an effort to provide you some direction, we have put together this short synopsis, subject to the following disclaimer:

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OK, now that we’re clear on that, here’s what we hear most users are doing.

1. Bill under an exam code as part of an exam or office visit. Most commonly you would use:

99201 or 99202 New Patient Exam

99211 or 99212 Established Patient Exam (you may need to add modifier –25 to signify that this is a significant, separately identifiable service)

Please make sure that your office visit meets the correct requirements for the above codes, including time spent, complexity of decision making, history, examination, severity of situation, etc. Consult your insurance reference book or billing professional for more information.

2. Bill the AcuGraph® exam directly to the patient as a non-covered service, and bill insurance for the treatment, if it meets the correct guidelines. Common treatment billing codes include:

97014 Unattended Electric Stim.

97032 Attended Electric Stim.

97810 Acupuncture (requires insertion of one or more needles)

97813 Acupuncture with electric stim (requires insertion of one or more needles and electric stim)

Again, your particular provider may not reimburse the above codes. We urge you to check with your insurance provider and/or your billing professional.

Fees:

Cash Fees for the AcuGraph® exam range from \$25-\$75, with \$30-50 being the most common.

Treatment is in addition to these fees. Most users report patients are generally very willing to pay for the examination and resulting report. Keeping the fee affordable allows you to perform the exam more often, which helps your patients and helps you.