AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS

ASPS Recommended Insurance Coverage Criteria for Third-Party Payers

Breast Reconstruction for Deformities Unrelated to Cancer Treatment

BACKGROUND

For women, the function of the breast, aside from the periods when it serves for lactation, is an organ of female sexual identity. The female breast is a major component of a woman's self-image and is important to her psychological sense of femininity and sexuality. Both men and women with abnormal breast structure(s) often suffer from a severe negative impact on their self-esteem, which may adversely affect his or her well-being and result in significant to severe physical disability.

Breast deformities unrelated to cancer treatment occur in both men and women and may present either bilaterally or unilaterally. These deformities result from congenital anomalies, trauma, disease, or mal-development. Because breast deformities often result in abnormally asymmetrical breasts, surgery of the contralateral breast, as well as the affected breast, may be required to achieve symmetry.

DEFINITION: COSMETIC AND RESCONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

For reference, the following definition of cosmetic and reconstructive surgery was adopted by the American Medical Association, June 1989:

Cosmetic surgery is performed to reshape normal structures of the body in order to improve the patient's appearance and self-esteem.

Reconstructive surgery is performed on abnormal structures of the body, caused by congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, trauma, infection, tumors or disease. It is generally performed to improve function, but may also be done to approximate a normal appearance.

POLICY

Breast reconstruction surgery to correct breast deformities, as well as surgery on the contralateral breast to achieve symmetry, are considered reconstructive surgery and, therefore, should be a covered benefit and reimbursed by third-party payers.

DIAGNOSIS CODING

Diagnosis	**ICD-10**
Hypertrophy of breast	N62
Other specified disorders of the breast	N64.89
Acquired deformity of chest and rib	M95.4
Congenital deformity of chest wall	Q67.8
Poland's Syndrome	Q79.8
Congenital absence of breast with absent nipple	Q83.0
Accessory breast	Q83.1
Absent nipple	Q83.2
Accessory nipple	Q83.3
Other congenital malformations of breast	Q83.8
Sequela, Burn of unspecified degree, chest wall	T21.01xS
Sequela, Burn of second degree, chest wall	T21.21xS
Sequela, Burn of third degree, chest wall	T21.31xS
Sequela, Corrosion of unspecified degree, chest wall	T21.41xS
Sequela, Corrosion of second degree, chest wall	T21.61xS
Sequela, Corrosion of third degree, chest wall	T21.71xS
Acquired absence of unspecified breast and nipple	Z90.10
Acquired absence of right breast and nipple	Z90.11
Acquired absence of left breast and nipple	Z90.12
Acquired absence of bilateral breasts and nipples	Z90.13
Chest wall pain following surgery	G89.12
Personal history of surgery	Z98.89
Melanocytic nevi of trunk	D22.5

TREATMENT

A variety of reconstruction techniques are available to accommodate a wide range of breast defects. The technique(s) selected are dependent on the nature of the defect, the patient's individual circumstances and the surgeon's judgment. When developing the surgical plan, the surgeon must correct underlying deficiencies as well as take into consideration the goal of achieving bilateral symmetry. Depending on the individual patient circumstances, surgery on the contralateral breast may be necessary to achieve symmetry. Surgical procedures on the opposite breast may include reduction mammaplasty and mastopexy with or without augmentation. Surgical revision of either the involved or contralateral breast may also be required subsequent to the initial procedure for a variety of reasons.

POSSIBLE CPT CODING

Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, trunk; defect 10 sq cm or less	14000
Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, trunk; defect 10.1 sq cm to 30.0 sq cm	14001
Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, any area; defect 30.1 sq cm to 60.0 sq cm	14301
Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, any area; each additional 30.0 sq cm, or part thereof	14302
Split-thickness autograft, trunk, arms, legs; first 100 sq cm or less, or 1% of body area of infants and children	15100
Split-thickness autograft, trunk, arms, legs; each additional 100 sq cm, or each additional 1% of body area of infants and children, or part thereof	15101
Full thickness graft, free, including direct closure of donor site, trunk; 20 sq cm or less	15200
Full thickness graft, free, including direct closure of donor site, trunk; each additional 20 sq cm, or part thereof	15201
Application of skin substitute graft to trunk, arms, legs, total wound surface area greater than or equal to 100 sq cm; first 100 sq cm wound surface area, or 1% of body area of infants and children	15273
Application of skin substitute graft to trunk, arms, legs, total wound surface area greater than or equal to 100 sq cm; each additional 100 sq cm wound surface area, or part thereof, or each additional 1% of body area of infants and children, or part thereof	15274
Muscle, myocutaneous, or fasciocutaneous flap; trunk	15734
Graft, derma-fat-fascia	15770
Grafting of autologous fat harvested by liposuction technique to trunk, breasts, scalp, arms, and or legs; 50 cc or less injectate	15771
Each additional 50 cc injectate, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	15772
Implantation of biologic implant (eg, acellular dermal matrix) for soft tissue reinforcement (ie, breast, trunk)	15777
Mastopexy	19316
Reduction mammaplasty	19318
Mammaplasty, augmentation; without prosthetic implant	19324
With prosthetic implant	19325
Immediate insertion of breast prosthesis following mastopexy, mastectomy, or in reconstruction	19340
Delayed insertion of breast prosthesis following mastopexy, mastectomy, or in reconstruction	19342
Nipple/Areolar reconstruction	19350
Breast reconstruction, immediate or delayed, with tissue expander, including subsequent expansion	19357
Breast reconstruction with latissimus dorsi flap, with or without prosthetic implant	19361
Breast reconstruction with free flap	19364
Breast reconstruction with other technique	19366
Breast reconstruction with transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous flap (TRAM), single pedicle, including closure of donor site	19367
With microvascular anastomosis (supercharging)	19368
Breast reconstruction with transverse rectus abdominis myocuteanous flap (TRAM), double pedicle, Including closure of donor site	19369
Open periprosthetic capsulectomy, breast	19370
Periprothetic capsulectomoy, breast	19371
Revision of reconstructed breast	19380
Preparation of moulage for custom breast implant	19396
Unlisted procedure, breast	19499

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