

TAP WATER IONTOPHORESIS DEVICES

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I. PROCEDURE CODE

06956

II. DESCRIPTION

A tap water iontophoresis device uses tap water as a medium to administer an electrical current to the skin of the hands or feet for the treatment of hyperhidrosis (excessive perspiration due to overactivity of sweat glands). Treatment consists of passing a direct current of significant magnitude and duration into the skin to obstruct the sweat glands. The current is delivered to the skin while the hands or feet are immersed in a pair of pans, each of which has an electrode which is also in the water.

III. POLICY

A. Purchase of FDA-cleared tap water iontophoresis devices and related supplies used in the treatment of hyperhidrosis may be cost-shared.

B. The FDA has cleared the following tap water iontophoresis devices for use in treating hyperhidrosis:

1. General Medical Co.: Drionic Iontophoresis device; and
2. R.A. Fischer Galvanic Generator models 2800 and 2900 and Galvanic Unit MD1A.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Charges for medically appropriate iontophoresis services (CPT code 97033) may be cost-shared. Refer to [Chapter 1, Section 25.1](#), PHYSICAL THERAPY.

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