

CHAPTER 3
SECTION 5.3

PHOTOPHERESIS

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I. PROCEDURE CODE

36522

II. DESCRIPTION

Photopheresis is a type of plasmapheresis during which white blood cells and some plasma is exposed to ultraviolet (UV) light before being returned to the patient.

III. POLICY

Photopheresis is covered for treatment of skin manifestations of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) in persons who have not been responsive to other forms of treatment.

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