

PHOTOPHERESIS

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I. CPT¹ PROCEDURE CODE

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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 the following indications. The list of indications is not all inclusive. Other indications are covered when documented by reliable evidence as safe, effective and comparable or superior to standard care (proven).

A. The treatment of skin manifestations of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) in persons who have not been responsive to other forms of treatment.

B. The prevention of rejection in cardiac transplantation.

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