

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

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I. CPT¹ PROCEDURE CODES

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II. DESCRIPTION

The digestive system involves the organs associated with the ingestion, digestion, and absorption of nutrients, and the elimination of solid waste.

III. POLICY

Services and supplies required in the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury involving the digestive system are covered.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

A. Vestibuloplasty except for adjunctive care (CPT¹ procedure code range 40840-40845).

B. Percutaneous interstitial thermal ablation in the treatment of hepatic cancer is unproven.

C. **The Stretta System (Curon Medical, Sunnyvale, CA) and Bard Endoscopic Suturing System for the treatment of refractory Gastro-Intestinal Reflux Disease (GIRD) is unproven (CPT¹ procedure codes 0008T, 0133T, 43201, and 43257; C9701, C9703, and C9704).**

D. For bariatric procedures, see [Section 13.2](#).

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