

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 **U**ltraviolet (UV) light before being returned to the patient. |

III. POLICY

Photopheresis is covered for the following:

A. The treatment of skin manifestations of **C**utaneous **T-Cell L**ymphoma (CTCL) in persons who have not been responsive to other forms of treatment. |

B. The prevention of rejection in cardiac transplantation.

C. **Extracorporeal photopheresis for the treatment of Bronchiolitis Obliterans Syndrome (BOS) that is refractory to immunosuppressive drug treatment may be considered for cost-sharing under the rare disease policy as described in [Chapter 1, Section 3.1](#).** |

D. For other indications when reliable evidence supports that photopheresis is safe, effective and comparable or superior to standard care (proven).

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