

Critical Care Documentation Worksheet

Critical Illness or Injury

- An illness or injury “acutely impairs one or more vital organ systems such that there is a high probability of imminent or life threatening deterioration in the patient’s condition” is documented.
- “High complexity decision making to assess, manipulate, and support vital systems to treat single or multiple vital organ system failure and/or prevent further life threatening deterioration of the patient’s condition” is documented
- The total time spent by the provider at the patient’s bedside or unit in the hospital treating the critical illness or injury documented.

Critical Care Time

Time	CPT Codes
< 30 Minutes	Appropriate E&M Code
30-74 Minutes	99291
75-104 Minutes	99291 and 99292
105-134 Minutes	99291 and 99292 x2
135-164 Minutes	99291 and 99292 x3

Procedures

Not Bundled	Bundled with Critical Care
Do Not Count Procedure Time Bill Procedure Separately	Include procedure time in Critical Care Time Do not bill separately
Endotracheal Intubation	Cardiac output measurement Gastric Intubation
Central Venous Access	Chest X-Ray Interpretation Transcutaneous Pacing
Bronchoscopy	Pulse Oximetry Ventilator Management
Cardioversion	ABG interpretation Peripheral Venous Access
Chest tube placement	EKG Interpretation
And other invasive procedures	

References

Billing Basics: Billing for Critical Care

<http://www.sccm.org/Communications/Critical-Connections/Archives/Pages/Billing-Basics-Billing-for-Critical-Care.aspx>

E&M University <http://emuniversity.com/CriticalCare.html>