



Dental Clinical Policy

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Description

Therapeutic parenteral drug administration involves the direct delivery of medication into the body through routes like intravenous, intramuscular, or subcutaneous injections, allowing rapid and precise drug absorption and bypassing the digestive system. This method is indicated when oral or topical administration is ineffective, impractical, or too slow.

Clinical Indications

Therapeutic parenteral drug administration (single or multiple) includes administration of antibiotics, steroids, anti-inflammatory drugs or other therapeutic medications. These medications may be indicated to improve surgical healing, reduce pain and/or infection. Therapeutic parenteral drug administration should not be used to report administration of sedative, anesthetic or reversal agents. Therapeutic parenteral drug administration should not be used to report the infiltration of a sustained release pharmacological agent for long-acting surgical site pain control.

Criteria

1. Parenteral administration of drugs is any technique in which the route of administration is intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous or intradermal.
2. Procedures that are considered experimental, investigational or unproven are not benefitted.
3. Clinical chart notes and narrative may be requested to explain the rationale for the medication.
4. The name and dosage of the medication administered must be submitted for benefit consideration.
5. Drug administration for cosmetics is not a benefitted service.

Coding

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as it applies to an individual member.

CDT *including but not limited to:*

- D9610 Therapeutic parenteral drug, single administration
D9612 Therapeutic parenteral drugs, two or more administrations, different medications

D9613 Infiltration of sustained release therapeutic drug – single or multiple sites.

ICD-10 CM Diagnoses for Dental Diseases and Conditions: See the current CDT code book for details

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