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Nevada Health Solutions LLC

NHS MEDICAL POLICY

Pulmonary Function Testing
Procedure 2014-015

Pulmonary Function Testing may be indicated when ONE of the following is present:

1	Symptom evaluation (e.g. cough, wheezing, dyspnea, chest tightness, chest pain)
2	To assess the presence of lung disease in a patient with known risk factors, such as smoking or environmental exposure
3	Known or suspected Asthma or COPD
4	To evaluate the effect of bronchodilator therapy
5	Known or suspected restrictive lung disease (e.g. interstitial lung disease, pneumonitis, bronchiolitis, lung neoplasm, other extrinsic compression of lungs, neuromuscular disorders)
6	To assess the perioperative risk of patients with a history of lung disease or pulmonary symptoms prior to surgery (e.g. thoracic surgery, cardiac surgery, abdominal surgery, orthopedic surgery or transplantation)
7	To evaluate the effect of exposure to smoke, dusts, chemicals or medications with potential pulmonary toxicity
8	As an objective assessment of baseline lung function prior to a planned treatment that has potential pulmonary toxicity (e.g. chemotherapy)
9	As an objective assessment of impairment or disability

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CODE REFERENCE (This may not be a comprehensive list of codes to apply to this policy.)

CPT: 90460, 94010, 94200, 94620, 94621, 94726, 94727, 94729
82803 and other codes for blood gasses are ancillary

POLICY HISTORY/REVISION INFORMATION

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06/16/2016	Added Code: 82803 and other codes for blood gasses are ancillary
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