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Fact Sheet: Coding for Meibomian Gland Dysfunction (MGD) and Dry Eye Disease (DED)

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DEFINITIONS*

Meibomian gland dysfunction (MGD) is an abnormality in composition of the secretions from the meibomian glands in the tarsus of the eyelids.

Dry eye disease (DED) is identified by corneal and conjunctival dryness due to deficient or abnormal (dysfunctional) quality of tear production.

OVERVIEW OF CODING FOR MGD

- Ophthalmologists' manual expression is a component of the E/M or Eye visit code and not separately billable to the payer or the patient.
- Category III codes are a set of temporary codes for emerging technology.
- Category III codes are not assigned a value by the Relative Update Committee (RUC). Coverage is determined by each individual payer and carrier priced. For the Medicare Part B patient, it is advisable to obtain an Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) and append modifier -GA to the Category III code until such time an allowable is published. When the payer assigns payment, balance billing the patient is a violation of your payer agreement.

CATEGORY III CODES AND BILLING GUIDELINES FOR MGD

0207T Evacuation of meibomian glands, automated, using heat and intermittent pressure, unilateral

- Sunset January 2025
- Billable per eye with modifier -50 or -RT/-LT depending on the payer requirement
- Bundled in CCI with: 67500, 67800, 67801, 67805, 67808, 67840, 67850
- LipiFlow

0330T Tear film imaging, unilateral or bilateral, with interpretation and report

- Sunset January 2024
- No current CCI edits
- LipiView II

0563T Evacuation of meibomian glands, using heat delivered through wearable, open-eye eyelid treatment devices and manual gland expression, bilateral

- Sunset January 2025
- Billable once whether one or both eyelids are treated
- Bundled in CCI with: 67500, 67800, 67801, 67805, 67808, 67840, 67850
- TearCare

*From the American Academy of Ophthalmology's *Dictionary of Eye Terminology, Seventh Edition*

UNLISTED CPT CODE

67999 Unlisted procedure, eyelids

- Blephex
- iLux
- MIBO ThermoFlo

ICD-10 LINKAGES FOR MGD

Depending on the payer, covered diagnoses may include but are not limited to:

H02.881	Meibomian gland dysfunction right upper eyelid
H02.882	Meibomian gland dysfunction right lower eyelid
H02.884	Meibomian gland dysfunction left upper eyelid
H02.885	Meibomian gland dysfunction left lower eyelid
H02.88A	Meibomian gland dysfunction right eye, upper and lower eyelids
H02.88B	Meibomian gland dysfunction left eye, upper and lower eyelids

OVERVIEW OF LAB TEST CODING FOR DED

Practices must apply for a CLIA Certificate of Waiver when the following lab tests are performed in the office. The waiver is available at [cms.gov/clia](https://www.cms.gov/clia). There is a fee for processing the waiver request. Append modifier -QW indicating this is a CLIA waived test. Include the CLIA number in box 23 on the claim form.

Allowables are found in the CMS lab fee schedule, not the physician fee schedule. Commercial coverage is at the payers' discretion.

83516 Immunoassay for analyte other than infectious agent antibody or infectious agent antigen; qualitative or semiquantitative, multiple-step method

- The Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) is 4 indicating up to 4 lids are billable during the encounter
- Inflammadry

83861 Microfluidic analysis utilizing an integrated collection and analysis device, tear osmolarity

- The Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) is 2 indicating up to 2 eyes are billable during the encounter.
- Tear Osmolarity

ICD-10 LINKAGES FOR DED

Depending on the payer, covered diagnoses may include but are not limited to:

H04.121	Dry eye syndrome of right lacrimal gland (Tear film insufficiency, NOS)
H04.122	Dry eye syndrome of left lacrimal gland (Tear film insufficiency, NOS)
H04.123	Dry eye syndrome of bilateral lacrimal glands (Tear film insufficiency, NOS)
H11.141	Conjunctival xerosis, unspecified, right eye
H11.142	Conjunctival xerosis, unspecified, left eye
H11.143	Conjunctival xerosis, unspecified, bilateral
H16.221	Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, not specified as Sjögren's, right eye

ICD-10 LINKAGES FOR DED *continued*

H16.222	Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, not specified as Sjögren's, left eye
H16.223	Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, not specified as Sjögren's, bilateral
H57.11	Ocular pain, right eye
H57.12	Ocular pain, left eye
H57.13	Ocular pain, bilateral
M35.01	Sicca syndrome [Sjogren] with keratoconjunctivitis