

## What's New in CPT for 2016

The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes are updated annually, with the addition of new codes and the revision or elimination of some old ones. In the listings below, “●” is used to flag new codes and “▲” indicates that a code’s descriptor has been revised, with underlining and ~~strikethroughs~~ used to identify new and deleted language, respectively.

### New Category I Code

There is a new Category I code to replace Category III code 0099T.

● **65785** *Implantation of intrastromal corneal ring segment*. This code has a 90-day global period. Two small intrastromal tunnels are created surgically, and intrastromal corneal implants are placed into each of the stromal incisions. The typical patient is a 27-year-old man with progressive keratoconus in both eyes who, even with glasses or contact lenses, can’t see well enough to do everyday tasks.

### Trabeculoplasty Update

In 2000, CPT changed laser trabeculoplasty’s global period from 90 days to 10 days but did not change the descriptor. This year, the code’s descriptor was changed to reflect the fact that only 1 laser treatment is typically performed during the 10-day global period:

▲ **65855** *Trabeculoplasty by laser*

*surgery, 1 or more sessions (defined treatment series).*

New instructions state that 65855 should not be submitted for payment in conjunction with any of the following CPT codes when performed in the same operative session:

65860 *Severing adhesions of anterior segment, laser technique (separate procedure)*

65865 *Severing adhesions, goniosynechia*

65870 *Severing adhesions anterior synechia, except goniosynechia*

65875 *Severing adhesions, posterior synechia*

65880 *Severing corneovitreal adhesions*

### Retina Family Update

Several retina codes have been revised, and 1 retina code has been deleted.

▲ **67101** *Repair of retinal detachment, 1 or more sessions; cryotherapy or diathermy, with or without including drainage of subretinal fluid, when performed*

▲ **67105** *photocoagulation, with or without including drainage of subretinal fluid, when performed*

▲ **67107** *Repair of retinal detachment; scleral buckling (such as lamellar scleral dissection, imbrication or encircling procedure), with or without including, when performed, implant, with or*

*without cryotherapy, photocoagulation, and drainage of subretinal fluid*

▲ **67108** *with vitrectomy, any method, with or without including, when performed, air or gas tamponade, focal endolaser photocoagulation, cryotherapy, drainage of subretinal fluid, scleral buckling, and/or removal of lens by same technique*

▲ **67113** *Repair of complex retinal detachment (e.g., proliferative vitreoretinopathy, stage C-1 or greater, diabetic traction retinal detachment, retinopathy of prematurity, retinal tear of greater than 90 degrees), with vitrectomy and membrane peeling, including, may include when performed, air, gas, or silicone oil tamponade, cryotherapy, endolaser photocoagulation, drainage of subretinal fluid, scleral buckling, and/or removal of lens*

▲ **67227** *Destruction of extensive or progressive retinopathy (e.g., diabetic retinopathy), ~~1 or more sessions~~ cryotherapy, diathermy*

▲ **67228** *Treatment of extensive or progressive retinopathy, ~~1 or more sessions~~; (e.g., diabetic retinopathy), photocoagulation*

The 2016 CPT book has eliminated 1 retina CPT code: 67112 *Repair of retinal detachment; by scleral buckling or vitrectomy, on patient having previous ipsilateral retinal detachment repair(s) using scleral buckling or vitrectomy techniques*. To report this procedure, see codes 67107, 67108, 67110, or 67113.

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