Coverage Summary

Transvenous (Catheter) for Pulmonary Embolectomy

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Related Medicare Advantage Policy Guideline: Transvenous (Catheter) Pulmonary Embolectomy (NCD 240.6)

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The benefit information in this Coverage Summary is based on existing national coverage policy, however, Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies are required where applicable.

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I. COVERAGE

Coverage Statement: Transvenous (catheter) pulmonary embolectomy is not a covered benefit. Medicare considers the procedure experimental and therefore, not covered.

Guidelines/Notes:

1. Transvenous (catheter) pulmonary embolectomy is a procedure for removing pulmonary emboli by passing a catheter through the femoral vein.

Transvenous (catheter) pulmonary embolectomy is not a covered benefit because it is still experimental. See the NCD the Transvenous (Catheter) for Pulmonary Embolectomy (240.6). (Accessed July 10, 2017)

II. DEFINITIONS

Transvenous (catheter) pulmonary embolectomy: is a procedure for removing pulmonary emboli by passing a catheter through the femoral vein. NCD the Transvenous (Catheter) for Pulmonary Embolectomy (240.6) (Accessed July 10, 2017)

III. REFERENCES

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