

IN OFFICE PROCEDURES

Please be aware that certain procedures performed in our office are not included in the standard office visit. These procedures will be billed separately and in addition to office visit charges. We are aware that some insurance carriers are classifying these procedures as "surgery" and applying the charges to your calendar year deductible. The result may be insurance payment for an office visit but NOT a procedure. In such cases, payment for the procedure will be due from the patient. Be assured that we are following accepted billing and coding guidelines.

Dr. Rodriguez will only perform these procedures when deemed medically necessary to best diagnose and treat our patients. *If you are presenting with a sinus, throat/voice complaint, symptoms of allergies, or hearing loss there is a good chance Dr. Rodriguez will need to perform one or more of the following procedures.*

Examples of In Office Procedures include but are not limited to:

• CPT-95004 Allergy Test and/or CPT 95024

This procedure is an Allergy test that can help confirm or rule out allergies and consequently reduce adverse reactions and limit unnecessary avoidance and medications.

• CPT-31575 Flexible Laryngoscopy

This procedure involves passing a long thin flexible fiber-optic scope through the nasal cavity and into the throat. The fiber-optic scope enables the physician to visualize areas of the throat not readily seen using laryngeal mirrors.

• CPT-31231 Nasal Endoscopy

This procedure uses the flexible or rigid scope attached to a light source to view areas of the nasal cavities that cannot be viewed by the physician using the standard nasal speculum and head mirror.

• CPT-31237 Nasal Endoscopy with Debridement or Biopsy

This is the same procedure as above with removal of crusting or tissue.

• CPT-92511 Flexible Nasopharyngoscopy

This involves examine both the tissues of the nasal passages, the pharynx and larynx.

These are the codes used for audiology services. Tympanometry is used to tell the pressure of the ear drums. Audiometry and OAE is considered a basic hearing test, it is used to tell if hearing is normal.

- CPT 92567 Tympanometry
- CPT 92557 Audiometry or CPT 92552 Screening
- CPT 92588 Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE)
- CPT 92568 Acoustic Reflex Testing, Threshold
- CPT 92550 Tympanometry and Acoustic Reflexes
- CPT 92570 Tympanometry, Acoustic Reflexes, Acoustic Reflex Decay

Please contact your insurance provider to verify benefits and coverage information prior to having any services rendered.

Patient/Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Relationship