



Adenoviral conjunctivitis

Recommended CPT® Code

The assigned CPT (Current Procedural Terminology)¹ code for the QuickVue Adenoviral conjunctivitis Test is 87809. For Medicare and Medicaid claims, add a QW modifier to indicate test is CLIA waived.² Given that payers have varied policies, it is possible that certain payers have different coding requirements. If performing bilateral testing (testing both eyes), you may need to add one of the following modifiers to denote that each eye was tested:

- 87809QW-RT, 87809QW-LT
- 87809QW, 87809QW-59 (-59 modifier indicates that it is a distinct procedural service)
- 87809QW-50 with a single unit of service (-50 modifier indicates that it is a bilateral procedure)

Note: The QuickVue Adenoviral conjunctivitis Test is a single use item. Bilateral testing requires two separate tests.

Quidel strongly recommends that providers contact their own regional payers to determine appropriate coding and charge or payment levels prior to submitting claims. For the Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule, visit <https://www.cms.gov>.

Related diagnostic codes

There can be many ICD-10 codes that will be related to your need to provide clinical lab testing for adenoviral conjunctivitis. It is important when providing diagnoses related to the testing performed, that you provide the most specific diagnoses that you can in accordance with ICD rules and guidelines. That means relating both laterality and severity if possible. Generalized diagnoses may get reimbursed but are more difficult to defend should your record be scrutinized.

Reimbursement support

For reimbursement support, please contact CodeMap® at quidel@codemap.com or 312.291.8408. Or you may visit our reimbursement website at <https://www.codemap.com/quidel>.

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Under Federal and State law, it is the individual provider's responsibility to determine appropriate coding, charges and claims for a particular service.

Policies regarding appropriate coding and payment levels can vary greatly from payer to payer and change over time. Quidel Corporation strongly recommends that providers contact their own regional payers to determine appropriate coding and charge or payment levels prior to submitting claims.

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²CLIA stands for Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments and is a registration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that allows physicians or medical office personnel to collect a sample and perform a laboratory test within their office.