

Coding for Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) by Isoelectric Focusing (IEF)

Sebia's Hydragel[®] CSF IEF assay involves paired CSF and serum samples separated on agarose gel by IEF and represents a different methodology than traditional high resolution electrophoresis, or any other electrophoresis procedure listed in the CPT.

Thus, the following code may be used to report this procedure.

82664 Electrophoretic technique, not elsewhere specified

Medicare does not allow a professional component payment for 82664; however Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits allow the submission of the following pathology consultation code so long as it is individually requested by the ordering physician.

80500 Clinical pathology consultation; limited, without review of patient's history and medical records.

CPT 80500 may only be used when the results are abnormal or unexpected and medical decision making by a pathologist is required.

For example: In Atlanta, Georgia the total reimbursement would be:

\$2664 \$48.00 For the IEF assay

\$0500 \$23.05 for the professional interpretation

Total: \$71.05