

1	Our mission	Our overall goal is to provide up-to-date, cut-and-paste documents and spreadsheets so anyone can file medical claims for lymph-sparing liposuction for lipedema, a medically necessary and reconstructive surgical procedure, and be reimbursed a fair price by the insurance carrier.
2	Notify / Educate	We are also working on both new ICD-10-CM for lipedema and new CPT codes specifically for liposuction for lipedema. There is currently no ICD-10-CM code for lipedema in the United States. The current CPT codes do not accurately reflect the reconstructive nature of the procedure.
3	Identify Track Research	These new codes should be of interest to researchers, surgeons, associations, and patients. The new codes are for identification, tracking and research--not reimbursement (even though they are used for reimbursement); the new CPT code would reinforce that the procedure is not cosmetic and both reconstructive and medically necessary.
24	ICD-10-CM	We now (May 2020) have interest in the new ICD-10-CM and CPT codes from:
25	ICD-10-CM	American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) and American Vein and Lymphatic Society AVLS.
26	CPT CODES	The new procedure name/CPT codes would be of most interest to the surgeons performing the procedures as well as efficacy researchers.
4		These are time-consuming, complicated, and costly projects. Your feedback will help!
		The new ICD-10-CM codes submission date is June 12, 2020; the new CPT code option is much farther down the road (most likely a year or more).
5		From the [http://www.lipoforlipedemareimbursement.com] website our objectives are:
6		1. Contact Providers, researchers, patients, associations, and insurance companies.
7		2. Gather information and research.
8		3. Disseminate accurate and up-to-date information (related to reimbursement).
9		4. Educate all of the above.
10		5. Provide a specific deliverable free for everyone: Reimbursement Guidebook.
11		Doctor/Expert/Researcher/Association Questions:
12	[Yes/No]	Have you seen the Website?
13	[Confirm]	Download the one-page reimbursement checklist. It's concise; share it with anyone interested.
14	[Yes/No]	Have you downloaded the free reimbursement guidebook (Updated Apr 28 2020)?
15	Info	Remember that all the information is free to use and share. You can link to the website or post information to yours. Our goal is to make the information available.
16	[Email Me]	What are your top-three research papers that will help us fight the argument that liposuction for lipedema is investigational, experimental or unproven?
17	[Email Me]	1) What is the best term for the liposuction for lipedema procedure? Tumescant Liposuction? Lymph-Sparing Liposuction? Fibro-Lympho-Lipo-Aspiration? Suction-Assisted Lipectomy is not adequate.
18	[Yes/No]	2) Are you ok with the four international ICD-10 codes? (The include 3 stages and unspecified).
19	[Yes/No]	3) Do you feel code I89.0 is acceptable for lipo-lymphedema? Should we request the term added be to the ICD-10-CM Index?
20	[Email Me]	Confirm who is the main contact in their association or organization for information.
21	Share Informa-tion	Help us educate doctors, patients, associations, and insurance companies that liposuction for lipedema is reconstructive and medically necessary please post a link or article on your website to ours. You can copy and paste whatever you want. It is all free to use and share! Including the Reimbursement Guidebook. Most all documents are in WORD format so you can cut-and-paste.
22	TRAINING: Lipedema and Stages	If we plan on introducing lipedema stage codes, we should work on educating everyone (most importantly Primary Care physicians) on what lipedema is and the different stages. From experience my guess is that most will use the unspecified lipedema code E88.28. While not ideal at least it would help us identify the number of lipedema patients.
23	Qualified Surgeons	There is a need for more qualified surgeons in the unique and complex technique of lymph-sparing liposuction for lipedema. Work with us to increase training nationwide.