Liposuction for Lipedema: Finding the Perfect Name - June 17 2020

Reimbursement

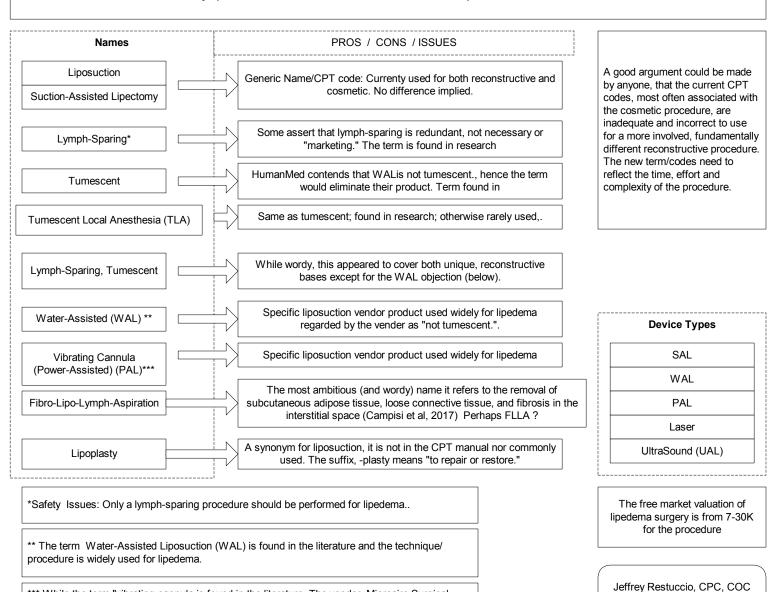
Code 15879 is most common CPT used. Estimated Reimbursement is about \$1,412

CPT Code: 38999: Unlisted procedure, hemic or lymphatic system. Feedback is that reimbursement using the unlisted code is possible. One could argue that the generic CPT code above is not accurate for this procedure.

No Medicare RVU's

ASPS prefers no RVU's for the four CPT liposuction codes? Is this accurate?

While the debate over the best name for liposuction for lipedema continues, why not increase the use of the phrase: reconstructive, medically necessary liposuction? This is not a clinical name but a descriptive name for reimbursement.



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