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Colonic Transit Time Test

Also known as

Sitzmark test

Description

A procedure that measures the time it takes a substance to enter the colon and move completely through to be excreted. To measure colonic transit time, patients swallow one or more capsules containing a specific number of tiny radio-opaque markers that are clearly visible on X-ray. A series of abdominal X-rays, at specified time intervals, are then taken to determine how rapidly the markers move through the colon.

See also

Similar, related, or easily confused documents.

- <u>Gastrointestinal Monitoring System (SmartPill)</u> A wireless capsule about the size of a large vitamin equipped with pH, pressure, and temperature sensors. After swallowed, the device transmits sensory data (no photos) to a receiver worn by the patient as a belt. Data recorded is used to calculate gastric transit time.
- <u>CT Colonography and MR Colonography</u> A procedure used to look for signs of pre-cancerous growths, called polyps, cancer, and other diseases of the large intestine.
- <u>Wireless Capsule Endoscopy and Capsule Technology to Verify Patency Prior to Capsule Endoscopy</u> An outpatient procedure for the non-invasive visualization of the esophagus and small-bowel.

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Commercial

Introduction

This section applies to all Commercial brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Mayo Medical Plan (MMP), Medica (including MHPS), and Prevea360.

Benefits (all except MMP)

Quote X-ray/imaging benefits. When done in a facility, also quote facility benefits.

Mayo Medical Plan (MMP)

Quote X-ray/imaging benefits. When done in a facility, also quote facility benefits.

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Government Programs

Introduction

This section applies to all Medicaid and Medicare products.

AccessAbility (SNBC),

Medicaid only groups:See Medicaid below.

Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

Medicare eligible groups:

- Quote X-ray/imaging benefits.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare is the primary payer.
- If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. See Medicaid below.

AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC),

Quote X-ray/imaging benefits.

• Medica is the only payer.

DUAL (MSHO)

Cost (Prime)

Quote outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies.

• Follows Medicare guidelines.

Med Advantage

Quote outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies.

- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medica is the only payer.

Med Supp (Select, Signature)

Quote X-ray/imaging benefits.

- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare supplement.
- Medicare is the primary payer.

Medicaid

Quote X-ray/imaging benefits. When done in a facility, also quote facility benefits.

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Individual and Family Business (IFB)

Introduction

This section applies to all Individual and Family Business (IFB) brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Medica, Medica (formerly WellFirst), and Prevea360.

Benefits

Quote outpatient X-rays and imaging service in an office or hospital. When done in a facility, also quote facility benefits.

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