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## Subject: Breast Ductoscopy

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### DESCRIPTION:

Breast ductoscopy (also known as fiberoptic ductoscopy, breast endoscopy, or mammary ductoscopy) is a technique that provides for direct visual examination of the breast ducts. The procedure is performed under sedation and involves inserting a fiberoptic, flexible scope through the nipple and threading the scope through the network of ducts deep in the breast. Fluid may be collected through the scope for examination or a thin wire probe may be passed into the breast to visualize the ductal system to detect abnormalities. The use of ductoscopy has been proposed to aid in the detection and management of early stage breast cancer and other forms of intraductal breast disease. Several ductoscopes have been approved for use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

### POSITION STATEMENT:

Breast ductoscopy is considered **experimental or investigational** for all indications. The evidence is insufficient to determine the effects of the technology on health outcomes.

### BILLING/CODING INFORMATION:

There is no specific CPT code for breast ductoscopy; unlisted code 19499 may be used.

### REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION:

Refer to section entitled [POSITION STATEMENT](#).

### PROGRAM EXCEPTIONS:

**Federal Employee Program (FEP):** Follow FEP guidelines.

**State Account Organization (SAO):** Follow SAO guidelines.

**Medicare Advantage products:** No National Coverage Determination (NCD) and/or Local Coverage Determination (LCD) were found at the time of the last guideline reviewed date.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

No guideline specific definitions apply.

## **RELATED GUIDELINES:**

**[Ductal Lavage and Suction Collection Systems, 02-10000-14](#)**

## **OTHER:**

None applicable.

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### **COMMITTEE APPROVAL:**

This Medical Coverage Guideline (MCG) was approved by the Florida Blue Medical Policy & Coverage Committee on 04/22/21.

### **GUIDELINE UPDATE INFORMATION:**

12/15/03	New Medical Coverage Guideline – investigational.
12/15/04	Scheduled review and revision of guideline; consisting of updated references and maintaining investigational status.
01/01/06	Annual review – maintain investigational.
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07/15/07	Annual review, investigational status maintained, guideline reformatted, references updated.
10/15/08	Annual review: position statement maintained, references updated.
07/15/09	Annual review: position statement maintained, title revision, and references updated.
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05/15/21	Review; Position statement maintained; references updated.