

Coverage Guidelines 2022

F18 FDG PET/CT SCAN		
Cancer Type	CPT*	Clinical Indications
Brain, Breast (female and male), Head & Neck (inc. thyroid), Carcinoid / Neuroendocrine, Cervical, Colorectal, Lung, Lymphoma, Ovarian, Pancreas, Prostate, Other Solid Tumors	78815 A9552	All cancers are covered for initial staging and restaging. In some cases, cancer is covered for diagnosis, depending on the health plan. Most cancers are NOT covered for "surveillance".
Melanoma, Myeloma, Sarcoma	78816 A9552	
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Brain Metabolism	78608 A9552	FTD vs. Alzheimer's dementia

Formula:

- 78815/6, A9552 + (***Both CPT codes are required for all authorizations**).
- + Modifier (PI or PS) + ICD-10

***** Example order 1: ○ 78815, A9552 +(PI or PS) ○ Z85.230 ○ D38.4 ○ C7A.091	78815 A9552 ***** 78816 A9552 *****	***** Example order 2: ○ 78816, A9552 +(PI or PS) ○ A9552 ○ Z85.828 ○ C44.799 ○ C43.71
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*Please order CPT code (78815) for PET skull base to midhigh (although our PSMA patient protocol will be vertex to midhigh which falls under the same CPT code usage).

2022 ICD-10 Coding Guidelines Associated with PET/CT Scans of the Prostate

Code	Description
C61	Malignant neoplasm of prostate
C79.82	Secondary malignant neoplasm of genital organs must be billed accompanied by C61
Z19.1	Hormone sensitive malignancy
Z19.2	Hormone resistant malignancy
Z85.46	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of prostate
R97.21	Rising PSA following treatment for malignant neoplasm of prostate

Note: ICD-10 code Z85.46 (Personal history of malignant neoplasm of prostate) is not sufficient and must be accompanied by C61 or R97.21

Disease Classification	CPT CODES	Initial Treatment Strategy (<i>PI</i> modifier)	Subsequent Treatment Strategy (<i>PS</i> modifier)
FDG PET			
Brain, primary	78608 / A9552	Covered	Covered
Breast, female and male	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
Cervix	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
Colon and Rectum	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
Esophagus	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
Head and neck	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
Kaposi's sarcoma	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
Lung	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
Lymphoma	78815 / A9552 75816/ A9552	Covered	Covered
Melanoma of skin	78816 / A9552	Covered	Covered
Myeloma	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
Ovary	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
Pancreas	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
Prostate (FDG)	78815 / A9552	Not Covered	Covered
Testis	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
Thyroid	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
All other solid tumors	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
All other cancers not listed	78815 / A9552	Covered	Covered
SPECIALITY PET			
Prostate Recurrence w/ <i>Axumin</i> ¹	78815 / A9588	Not Covered	Covered
Neuroendocrine w/ <i>Dotatate</i> ²	78815 / A9587	Covered	Covered
Breast w/ <i>Cerianna</i> ³	78815 / A9591	Not Covered	Covered

• All payers, including Medicare, **do not cover PET/CT for routine surveillance**. A patient should present with new signs or symptoms associated with a suspected recurrence.

We hope to be an ongoing resource for your office and look forward to caring for your patients. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions about scheduling or insurance at 1-415-578-6922.