

Ponto – The bone anchored hearing system from Oticon Medical

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Surgeon and Facility Codes

Surgical Implant of the Auditory Osseointegrated System

The codes in this section may be reported by both the surgeon, ASC and hospitals

CPT Code:	When performing procedure:
69714	Auditory osseointegrated device implantation with attachment to speech processor, without mastoidectomy
69715	Auditory osseointegrated device implantation with attachment to speech processor, with mastoidectomy
69717	Removal and replacement of existing osseointegrated implant, with attachment to speech processor, without mastoidectomy
69718	Removal and replacement of existing osseointegrated implant, with attachment to speech processor, with mastoidectomy
69399	Other procedures related to auditory osseointegrated device implantation for which no specific codes exist. Example: revision procedure to attach longer abutment Note: this code requires submission of additional documentation

Ponto System

This code is typically reported by the surgical facility providing the device

Code:	When providing device:
L8690*	Auditory osseointegrated system, including all internal and external components

Modifiers**

Add Modifier:	When a claim reports:
51	Multiple procedure codes on the same claim
52	Reported CPT code is not fully performed or partially reduced

58	Procedure was staged from earlier surgery within global period (e.g. abutment attached in second surgical procedure)
59	Distinct procedure (e.g. implantation of second, sleeper, implant)

Revenue Codes

Revenue codes are used only for hospital/ASC claims

Code:	When providing device or service:
0278	Medical/surgical supplies and other implants
0361	Operating room services and minor surgery

Example Facility Billing Scenarios

CODE/Modifier	Concurrent Surgical Implantation
69714	Surgical placement of the implant with abutment attachment
L8690	Ponto components, including implant and sound processor
CODE/Modifier	Two-stage implantation
69714-52	Stage 1: Surgical placement of the implant
L8690	Ponto components, including implant and sound processor
69714-52, -58	Stage 2 within 90 days of stage 1: Attachment of abutment
69714-52	Or, Stage 2 more than 90 days after stage 1: Attachment of abutment



CODE/Modifier	Concurrent implantation with second, sleeper, fixture
69714	Surgical placement of the implant with abutment attachment
L8690	Ponto components, including implant and sound processor
69714-52, -59	Surgical placement of the, sleeper, implant
L9900	Sleeper implant only

Bilateral Billing Situations

If two implants are implanted bilaterally in the same surgery, report this on the claim. Payers have different coverage and coding requirements for bilateral Ponto implantation. The following include some options for bilateral billing. Please check with your payer for specific coverage and coding guidelines.

Modifier	Claim Line Item and Code
50 (bilateral)	Line item 1: 69714
LT (left side)	Line item 1: 69714
RT (right side)	Line item 2: 69714
No Modifiers	Line item 1: 69714
No Modifiers	Line item 2: 69714
No Modifiers (Bill 2 units)	Line item 1: 69714

CPT Code:	When performing procedure:
92506	Evaluation of speech and/or auditory processing
92551	Screening test, pure tone, air only
92552	Pure tone audiometry threshold evaluation via air only
92553	Pure tone audiometry threshold evaluation via air and bone
92555	Speech audiometry reception threshold evaluation
92556	Speech audiometry threshold evaluation with speech recognition test
92557	Comprehensive audiometry threshold evaluation and speech recognition (92553 & 92556 combined)
92567	Tympanometry (impedance testing)
92568	Acoustic reflex testing; threshold
92569	Acoustic reflex testing; decay
92579	Visual reinforcement audiometry (VRA)
92582	Conditioning play audiometry (threshold evaluation in children)
92583	Select picture audiometry threshold evaluation
92585	Electrical brain response recordings to auditory stimulations, and/or testing of the central nervous system; comprehensive
92586	Electrical brain response recordings to auditory stimulations, and/or testing of the central nervous system; limited

Clinic Services And Supplies

Audiologist/Professional Services

The codes in this section may be reported by audiologists and other licensed clinicians for services related to pre- and post-operative analysis and rehabilitation of Ponto patients. This list may not include all services that may be offered to patients.



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92587	Evoked otoacoustic emissions; limited (single stimulus level, either transient or distortion products)
92626	Evaluation of auditory rehabilitation status; first hour (can be used pre-op or post-op)
92627	Evaluation of auditory rehabilitation status; each additional 15 minutes
92630	Auditory rehabilitation; pre-lingual hearing loss
92633	Auditory rehabilitation; post-lingual hearing loss
92700	Unlisted otorhinolaryngological service or procedure. Example: May be used to cover fitting of sound processor

Medicare Billing Notes

Medicare has a number of rules dictating how certain codes may be billed. Some rules include:

92506, 92507 & 92508	May only be provided by an SLP. Medicare will not pay audiologists for these codes
92626 & 92627	Payable when billed by an audiologist or an SLP
92630 & 92633	Not payable by Medicare for any providers Medicare instructs providers to bill 92507 instead

Medicare's National Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) limits certain codes from being billed together, including several audiology codes. Some of these limits are avoidable through use of modifiers while others are strict limitations that cannot be overridden. Check with your Medicare contractor or payer for assistance clarifying these coding restrictions.

System Supplies & Repairs

Repair and replacement codes in this section may require a DME license when not provided as part of a surgical procedure. Check with your local payer if DME billing requirements are unknown.

Code:	When providing device or service:
L8691	Replacement of sound processor
L7500	Repair of Ponto device component(s), hourly rate

L7510	Repair of Ponto device component(s), repair or replace minor parts
L7520	Repair of Ponto device component(s), labor component, per 15 minutes
L9900	Supply, accessory and/or service component of another HCPCS L code
99070	Supplies provided by the physician above those usually included with the office visit or other services rendered
L8693	Auditory osseointegrated device abutment, any length, replacement only

Softband

Code:	When providing device or service:
L8692	sound processor for attachment to headband

** Some payers incorrectly classify the Ponto/Ponto Pro as a hearing aid. In these cases local policies may require the Ponto/Ponto Pro to be billed with a hearing aid code such as V5060, Hearing aid, monoaural, behind the ear*

***Payer have differing rule on proper use of modifiers. Consult your payer to confirm policies.*

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