

Balloon Sinuplasty, Endoscopic

Administrative Process

Does not require prior approval.

Coverage

Generally not covered based on the indications below.

S2344 - Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical; with enlargement of sinus ostium opening using inflatable device (i.e., balloon sinuplasty)

Indications that are covered

A catheter-based balloon device used during a standard medically necessary FESS (functional endoscopic sinus surgery) is considered incidental to the standard FESS procedure.

Indications that are not covered

1. Not covered as a stand alone procedure because it has not been proven effective.
2. Additional reimbursement is not available when used as a technique in addition to a standard FESS procedure.

Definition

Endoscopic balloon sinuplasty is a minimally invasive, outpatient, surgical procedure used to treat chronic sinusitis associated with inflammatory obstruction of the sinus passages. The intent of this procedure is to widen the sinus passages (ostia) to restore normal drainage and function.

Products

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