

Coding for Oral Amoxicillin Challenge Testing

What Current Procedural Term (CPT) code is used for an amoxicillin oral challenge?

The CPT code **95076** should be used.

- **Key Facts when using 95076:**
 - A minimum of 61 minutes must be spent on the challenge in order to use the 95076 code.
 - 95076 includes the first 2 hours (120 minutes) of the testing which begins when you start discussing the challenge testing at the start of the visit
 - The challenge must be given in “sequential and incremental” doses. Providing a patient with the total amoxicillin dose all at once would not be eligible for this code. As such, two-step amoxicillin challenge protocols are described which meet the requirements for the oral challenge code

What if the challenge takes more than 150 minutes?

- The code **97059** may be added for the additional hour after the testing has reached at least 150 minutes. It is billed in addition to 95076.
- If the patient has a reaction and the oral challenge is discontinued, a problem oriented evaluation and management code (99201-99205) may be charged in addition to the oral challenge. The same timeframe may not be counted for both the evaluation and management code and the oral challenge.

What diagnosis codes should be used for penicillin testing?

- The status code for penicillin is **Z88.0**. The **Z88.0** may be used as a primary code for allergy testing. Most payers have the Z88.0 on their list as a payable diagnosis code.
- Alternatively, the code **T36.0X5D** (Adverse reaction to penicillin, subsequent encounter) may be used