

commenter requested that we move CPT code 95904 (Sensory nerve conduction test) from APC 0215 to APC 0218. Alternatively, our staff suggested to the Panel that the following CPT codes be moved from APC 0218 to APC 0215.

HCPSCS	Description
95858 .....	Tensilon test & myogram.
95870 .....	Muscle test, nonparaspinal.
95900 .....	Motor nerve conduction test.
95903 .....	Motor nerve conduction test.

After considering all of the above proposals, the Panel recommended that we move CPT codes 95858, 95870, 95900, and 95903 from APC 0218 to APC 0215. We proposed to accept the Panel's recommendation.

#### q. *Implantation of Drug Infusion Device*

APC 0227: Implantation of Drug Infusion Device

APC 0227 contains only two CPT codes: Implantation of programmable spine infusion pumps, 62362, and Implantation of non-programmable spine infusion pumps, 62361. A commenter requested that we split APC 0227 into two APCs to recognize the cost difference between CPT code 62361 and CPT code 62362. However, since our cost data do not show a significant cost difference between the two devices and APC 0227 does not violate the 2 times rule, the Panel recommended that CPT codes 62361 and 62362 remain in APC 0227. We proposed to accept the Panel's recommendation, which we will adopt for 2004.

#### r. *Ophthalmologic APCs*

APC 0230: Level I Eye Tests & Treatments

APC 0235: Level I Posterior Segment Eye Procedures

APC 0236: Level II Posterior Segment Eye Procedures

APC 0698: Level II Eye Tests & Treatments

We advised the Panel that APCs 0230 and 0235 violate the 2 times rule but that the current configuration of these APCs reflects the Panel's previous recommendations. A presenter to the Panel, who represented a device manufacturer, expressed concern that the pass-through device category "New Technology: Intraocular Lens" was discontinued and these devices are now packaged. The presenter asked the Panel to recommend that future new intraocular lens devices be considered for a new pass-through category.

To remedy the violations to the 2 times rule, we asked the Panel to consider moving CPT code 67820 (Revise eyelashes) from APC 0230 to APC 0698 and CPT code 67110 (Repair

detached retina) from APC 0235 to APC 0236. The Panel recommended that we make these changes. We proposed to accept the Panel's recommendation and monitor the data for APC 0235 for possible review next year. We will adopt this recommendation for 2004. The Panel also acknowledged that making recommendations concerning pass-through categories is beyond their purview.

#### s. *Skin Tests and Miscellaneous Red Blood Cell Tests; Transfusion Laboratory Procedures*

APC 0341: Skin Tests and Miscellaneous Red Blood Cell Tests

APC 0345: Level I Transfusion Laboratory Procedures We advised the Panel that APCs 0341 and 0345 minimally violate the 2 times rule and suggested moving several CPT codes within these APCs into a new APC because a commenter expressed concern over the combination of skin tests and miscellaneous red blood cell tests in APC 0341, asserting that services within this APC cannot be considered comparable with respect to resource usage.

In order to remedy these violations to the 2 times rule, we suggested moving CPT code 86901 (Blood typing, Rh (D)) from APC 0345 to a new APC along with the following CPT codes from APC 0341:

HCPSCS	Description
86880 .....	Coombs test, direct.
86885 .....	Coombs test, indirect, qualitative.
86886 .....	Coombs test, indirect, titer.
86900 .....	Blood typing, ABO.

The Panel recommended that we make the above changes. We proposed to accept the Panel's recommendation to move HCPCS codes 86880, 86885, 86886, and 86900 from APC 0341 to new APC 0409 and to move CPT code 86901 (Blood typing, Rh (D)) from APC 0345 to new APC 0409. We will adopt the Panel's recommendation for 2004.

#### t. *Otorhinolaryngologic Function Tests*

APC 0363: Level I Otorhinolaryngologic Function Tests

APC 0660: Level II Otorhinolaryngologic Function Tests

We expressed concern to the Panel that APC 0660 appears to violate the 2 times rule and suggested moving CPT codes 92543 (Caloric vestibular test) and 92588 (Evoked auditory test) from APC 0660 to APC 0363. The Panel recommended that we make these CPT code changes. We proposed to accept the Panel's recommendation to move CPT codes 92543 and 92588 from APC

0660 to APC 0363, and we will adopt the proposal for 2004.

#### u. *Tube Changes and Repositioning*

APC 0121: Level I Tube changes and Repositioning

APC 0122: Level II Tube changes and Repositioning

We expressed concern to the Panel that APC 0121 appears to violate the 2 times rule. In order to remedy this violation, we suggested moving the following CPT codes from APC 0121 to APC 0122:

HCPSCS	Description
47530 .....	Revise/reinsert bile tube.
50688 .....	Change of ureter tube.
51710 .....	Change of bladder tube.
62225 .....	Replace/irrigate catheter.

The Panel recommended that we make these CPT code changes. We proposed to accept the Panel's recommendation to move CPT codes 47530, 50688, 51710, and 62225 from APC 0121 to APC 0122. We will adopt the proposal for 2004.

#### v. *Myelography*

APC 0274: Myelography

We advised the Panel that APC 0274 minimally violates the 2 times rule and suggested moving CPT codes 72285 (X-ray c/t spine disk) and 72295 (X-ray c/t spine disk) from APC 0274 to a new APC. A presenter, from an organization representing radiologists, agreed with our proposal. The Panel recommended that we make these CPT code changes. We proposed to accept the Panel's recommendation to move CPT codes 72285 and 72295 from APC 0274 to new APC 0388. We will adopt the recommendation for 2004.

#### w. *Therapeutic Radiologic Procedures*

APC 0296: Level I Therapeutic Radiologic Procedures

APC 0297: Level II Therapeutic Radiologic Procedures

We advised the Panel that APCs 0296 and 0297 appear to minimally violate the 2 times rule as a result of changes recommended by the Panel and adopted by us last year. The Panel recommended that no changes be made to APCs 0296 and 0297 in the interest of preserving the clinical homogeneity of these APCs. We proposed to accept the Panel's recommendation that we make no CPT code changes to APCs 0296 and 0297, and we are adopting the proposal for 2004.

#### x. *Vascular Procedures; Cannula/Access Device Procedures*

APC 0103: Miscellaneous Vascular Procedures