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July 23, 2004

Dr. Richard M. Fleming
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915 Center Street, Suite 2001
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Dear Doctor Fleming:

This is written in response to your inquiry dated and received by CPT Information Services on July 15, 2004. I apologize for the delayed reply to your inquiry. For your information your account has been debited one inquiry for this response.

From a CPT coding perspective, based upon the information submitted for review and comments received from our physician advisor, the appropriate codes to report are as follows:

Correct billing
code is 79465

Plus these could
have been billed
for also.

79465, Myocardial perfusion imaging; tomographic (SPECT), multiple studies, at rest and/or stress (exercise and/or pharmacologic) and redistribution and/or rest injection, with or without quantification;

79478, Myocardial perfusion study with wall motion, qualitative or quantitative study (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure);

79480, Myocardial perfusion study with ejection (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure);

Additionally, with regard to your question concerning multiple injections required to report code 79465, please note that CPT code selection is based upon the number of studies being performed. For example, multiple studies as referenced in the code descriptor of 79465, means more than one study is being performed as opposed to a single study, described by code 79464, Myocardial perfusion imaging; tomographic (SPECT), single study at rest or stress (exercise and/or pharmacologic), with or without quantification.

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Thank you for your inquiry and I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

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Coding Associate
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