

The Stretta Procedure is a minimally invasive technique used to treat gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). It was cleared by the FDA on April 28, 2000 (K000245). Stretta is “intended for general use in the electrosurgical coagulation of tissue and intended for use specifically in the treatment of GERD.”¹

The American Medical Association (AMA) has established CPT code 43257² to describe the Stretta Procedure. It is the responsibility of the facility or physician to select and report the codes that most accurately describe the procedure performed and document the medical necessity in the patient record. Providers are advised to contact the payer for specific coding, coverage and payment questions.

REIMBURSEMENT ASSISTANCE

Mederi's Reimbursement Support Hotline is prepared to assist health care providers throughout the reimbursement process for the Stretta Procedure.

For further information and/or assistance, please call, **888-241-4342**.

¹ www.fda.gov. 510K K000245, April 28, 2000.

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³ Physician professional fee calculated by Mederi Therapeutics using CF of \$35.8228 and RVUs published in the CMS physician fee schedule released January 2014 (CY2014), from www.cms.gov. Valid through 12/31/14.

⁴ November 2013 (CY2014) update to Addendum B and Addendum AA from www.cms.gov.

Procedure coding should be based upon medical necessity and procedures and supplies provided to the patient. Coding and reimbursement information is provided for educational purposes only and does not assure coverage of the specific item or service in a given case. Mederi Therapeutics makes no guarantee of coverage or reimbursement fees. Contact your local Medicare Fiscal Intermediary, Carrier or CMS for specific information as payment rates listed are subject to change. To the extent that you submit cost information to Medicare, Medicaid or any other reimbursement program to support claims for services or items, you are obligated to accurately report the actual price paid for such items, including subsequent adjustments. Current Procedural Terminology numeric codes, descriptions and modifiers are Copyright AMA.

REPORTING THE STRETТА PROCEDURE

ICD-9 Coding

The most common diagnosis codes for the Stretta Procedure are as follows:

Primary ICD-9 Diagnosis

530	Diseases of the esophagus
530.11	Reflux esophagitis
530.81	Esophageal reflux

Additional Diagnosis

Code all additional diagnosis as appropriate. Always code to the highest level of specificity.

Coding - Stretta Procedure

CPT® Code 43257²

Descriptor Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy including esophagus, stomach, and either duodenum and/or jejunum as appropriate; with delivery of thermal energy to the muscle of lower esophageal sphincter and/or gastric cardia, for treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease.

Global Information

Global period (days) = 0

CMS National 2014 Payment - Stretta Procedure

Physician Professional	\$247.54 ³
Hospital Outpatient (APC 422)	\$1,968.75 ⁴
Ambulatory Surgery Center	\$1,087.57 ⁴



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