

The following coding and billing information is related to placement of Barrigel™ Rectal Spacer. Barrigel Rectal Spacer is intended to temporarily position the anterior rectal wall away from the prostate during radiotherapy for prostate cancer. In creating this space, it is the intent of Barrigel Rectal Spacer to reduce the radiation dose delivered to the anterior rectum. Barrigel Rectal Spacer is composed of biodegradable materials and maintains space for the entire course of prostate radiotherapy treatment and is intended to be absorbed by the patient's body over time.¹ Documentation for all services rendered to support Barrigel Rectal Spacer material and all associated work with placement is required in the medical record by the provider.

The guidelines for placement of Barrigel Rectal Spacer vary by setting. The following coding and billing information is for Medicare reimbursement in a hospital outpatient, ambulatory surgical center, and office-freestanding center for Calendar Year 2025.

For questions, call Teleflex Reimbursement Support at 1-844-516-5966 or email at barrigelreimbursement@teleflex.com.

2025 Medicare Hospital Outpatient (HOPPS) Unadjusted Allowed Amount

HCPCS	Description	SI	APC	HOPPS National Rate
55874 and	Transperineal placement of biodegradable material, periprosthetic, single or multiple injection(s), including image guidance, when performed	J1	5375	\$5,084
C1889 ² or	Implanted/insertable device, not otherwise classified	N	–	–
A4649 ²	Surgical supply; miscellaneous	N	–	–

2025 Medicare Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Unadjusted Allowed Amount

HCPCS	Description	Payment indicator	ASC National Rate
55874 and	Transperineal placement of biodegradable material, periprosthetic, single or multiple injection(s), including image guidance, when performed	J8	\$3,904
C1889 ² or	Implanted/insertable device, not otherwise classified	N1	–
A4649 ²	Surgical supply; miscellaneous	–	–

2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Unadjusted Allowed Amount – In-office and Facility Setting

HCPCS	Description	MPFS In-office rate	MPFS Facility Rate
55874 ³	Transperineal placement of biodegradable material, periprosthetic, single or multiple injection(s), including image guidance, when performed	\$2,646	\$159

HCPCS	Work RVU	Non-FAC PE RVU	Facility PE RVU	MP RVU	Non-facility total	Facility total
55874	3.03	78.46	1.58	0.30	81.79	4.91

Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. CMS-1807-F: CY2025. Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Medicare Part B. 1 November 2024. Allowed amounts are calculated with a conversion factor of \$32.3465.

Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. CMS-1809-FC: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems – Final Rule with Comment Period and CY2025 payment rates.

Rates referenced in this guide do not reflect sequestration adjustments which are automatic reductions in federal spending that will result in a 2% across-the-board reduction to all Medicare rates as of July 1, 2022. Quoted rates also do not reflect payment adjustments related to quality of and/or meaningful use.

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Billing Guidelines for Barrigel™ Rectal Spacer Placement for Prostate Cancer

Facility-based (Hospital Outpatient and ASC)

- The Barrigel Rectal Spacer is purchased by the facility or hospital-based department where the procedure will take place. Placement of the Barrigel Rectal Spacer is billable by the facility with CPT code 55874.
- HCPCS code C1889 or A4649 (payor dependent) for the Barrigel Rectal Spacer is reported by the facility and must be reported on the same claim form as the placement code. There is no reimbursement for the gel as it is included in the placement which Medicare classifies as device intensive. Reporting C1889 or A4649 to private payors will depend on policy and guidance for billing.
- The ultrasound (US) imaging used to place the gel is included in the definition of CPT code 55874; therefore, not separately reported.

Physicians in Facility (Hospital Outpatient and ASC)

- Placement of Barrigel Rectal Spacer is billable by the physician with CPT code 55874. The value of the ultrasound used to place the gel is included in the placement code and not separately billable.
- Documentation of a procedure note is required to support the work performed. The gel is not billed or reported on the claim by the physician.

Office/Freestanding Setting

- The Barrigel Rectal Spacer is purchased and billed by the office where the procedure will take place.
- Placement of the Barrigel Rectal Spacer is billable by freestanding center with CPT code 55874, the ultrasound and gel are included and not separately billable. Review of private payor contracts may be needed to verify if the gel is separately billable for some payors.

1. FDA clearance document: https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/cdrh_docs/pdf22/K220541.pdf
2. Since CPT code 55874 is considered a device-intensive procedure in hospital outpatient and ASC settings by Medicare, report C1889 for the Barrigel Rectal Spacer on the same billing claim. Reporting of HCPCS supply code A4649 is payor dependent. Check with appropriate insurer for guidelines.
3. Report 55874 ONLY in the office/freestanding setting.

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