

Neuropsychological Testing

Crosswalk for 2019 Neuropsychological Testing and Evaluation CPT® Codes

CPT® Codes and Descriptors Effective January 1, 2019

Professional and Technical Activities Performed by the Neuropsychologist

Please note that the new codes do **not** cross-walk on a one-to-one basis with the deleted codes. The single code, 96118, will now be billed using up to four (4) codes; two (2) codes for Neuropsychological Evaluation Services (96132, 96133) and two (2) for Test Administration and Scoring (96136, 96137).

- Evaluation services include interpretation of test results and clinical data, integration of patient data, clinical decision making, treatment planning, report generation, and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s).
 - The first **hour** of neuropsychological evaluation is billed using 96132 and **each additional hour** needed to complete the service is billed with code 96133.
 - CPT Time Rules allow an additional unit of a time-based code to be reported as long as the mid-point of the stated amount of time is passed. Beyond the first hour (96132), at least an additional 31 minutes of work must be performed to bill additional unit(s) of the add-on code 96133.
- Evaluation services must always be performed by the professional prior to test administration, and may be billed on the same or different days.
- Test administration and scoring services **performed by the neuropsychologist** includes time spent to administer and score a minimum of two (2) neuropsychological tests.
- The time spent scoring tests is now considered to be billable time.
 - The first **30 minutes** of test administration and scoring is billed using 96136 and **each additional 30-minute** increment needed to complete the service is billed with code 96137.
 - CPT time rules apply to the add-on code if, beyond the first 30 minutes, at least an additional 16 minutes of work is performed.

NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING BY PSYCHOLOGIST OR PHYSICIAN		NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING EVALUATION SERVICES BY PROFESSIONAL	
2018 CPT® Code	2018 CPT® Descriptor	2019 CPT® Code	2019 CPT® Descriptor
96118	Neuropsychological testing (eg, Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery, Wechsler Memory Scales and Wisconsin Card Sorting Test), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report	96132*	Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour
		96133*	Each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
		TEST ADMINISTRATION AND SCORING BY PROFESSIONAL	
		96136**	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by physician or other qualified health care professional, two or more tests, any method, first 30 minutes
		96137**	Each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

* Professional services, such as test selection, clinical decision-making and test interpretation, previously billed with 96119, should now be billed using neuropsychological evaluation codes (96132 and 96133).

**Time spent scoring tests is now considered to be billable time.

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Professional Services Performed by the Neuropsychologist and Technical Services Performed by Technician

Please note that the new codes do **not** cross-walk on a one-to-one basis with the deleted codes. The single code, 96119, will now be billed using four (4) codes; two (2) codes for Neuropsychological Evaluation Services (96132, 96133) and two (2) for Test Administration and Scoring by Technician (96138, 96139).

- Neuropsychological Evaluation services include interpretation of test results and clinical data, integration of patient data, clinical decision making, treatment planning, report generation, and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s).
 - The first **hour** of evaluation is billed using 96132 and **each additional hour** needed to complete the service is billed with code 96133.
 - CPT Time Rules allow an additional unit of a time-based code to be reported as long as the mid-point of the stated amount of time is passed. Beyond the first hour (96132), at least an additional 31 minutes of work must be performed to bill additional unit(s) of the add-on code 96133.
- Evaluation services must always be performed by the professional prior to test administration, and may be billed on the same or different days.
- Test administration and scoring services **performed by the Technician** includes time spent to administer and score a minimum of two (2) neuropsychological tests.
 - The first **30 minutes** of test administration and scoring is billed using 96138 and **each additional 30-minute** increment needed to complete the service is billed with code 96139.
 - CPT time rules apply to the add-on code if, beyond the first 30 minutes, at least an additional 16 minutes of work is performed.

TECHNICIAN ADMINISTERED NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING		NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING EVALUATION SERVICES BY PROFESSIONAL	
2018 CPT® Code	2018 CPT® Descriptor	2019 CPT® Code	2019 CPT® Descriptor
96119	Neuropsychological testing (e.g., Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery, Wechsler Memory Scales and Wisconsin Card Sorting Test), with qualified health care professional interpretation and report, administered by technician, per hour of technician time, face-to-face	96132*	Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour
		96133*	Each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
		TEST ADMINISTRATION AND SCORING BY TECHNICIAN	
		96138**	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technician, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes
		96139**	Each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

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Neurobehavioral Status Exam

Please note that CPT® code 96116 has been revised and should no longer be billed in multiple units.

- This service includes an initial interview to collect clinical information prior to evaluation and test administration and scoring services.
 - The **first hour** of the exam is billed with CPT code 96116 and **each additional hour** needed to complete the exam is billed using code 96121.
- CPT Time Rules allow an additional unit of a time-based code to be reported as long as the mid-point of the stated amount of time is passed. Beyond the first hour (96116), at least an additional 31 minutes of work must be performed to bill additional unit(s) of the add-on code 96121.

NEUROBEHAVIORAL STATUS EXAM			
2018 CPT® Code	2018 CPT® Descriptor	2019 CPT® Code	2019 CPT® Descriptor
96116	Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgment, e.g., acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving, and visual spatial abilities), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report	96116	Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgement, e.g., acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving, and visual spatial abilities), by physician or other qualified health care professional, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report; first hour.
		96121	Each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)