

# Billing 101

High yield billing tips for academic general internists

Note: All information can be found in the schedule of benefits

<b>Consults</b>	<p><b>Comprehensive Consultation (A130)</b> - Cumulative time spent with patient (&gt;75 min). Time rendered can be complete by resident and does not have to be consecutive.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Limited Consultation (A435) or Repeat Consultation (A136)</b> - For individuals who access healthcare and are seen by IM/GIM regularly</p> <hr/> <p><b>Admission Assessment (E082)</b> - Use E082 for an admission premium</p>
<b>MRP work</b>	<p><b>Case conferences (K121)</b> - time based - for bullet rounds</p> <hr/> <p><b>ICU Transfers (C142A/C143A)</b> - For post ICU day 2 and 3</p> <hr/> <p><b>Step-down or Step-up units (G401)</b> - for 2nd-30th day in a ICU designated setting</p> <p><b>Telemetry (G653)</b> - for 12-35 hours of recording. Requires documentation.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Family Meetings (K002)</b> - Must be pre-planned, documented and billed in time-based units.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Palliative Care (G512)</b> for palliative care (PC) case management. Check with local practices to ensure that PC service is not also billing this code.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Intercurrent Illness (C121)</b> for patients in hospital &gt;5 weeks with new diagnostic code.</p>

<b>Application Fees</b>	Home care application ( <u>K070</u> ) LTC health report ( <u>K038</u> ) Medical Condition Reporting to MTO ( <u>K035</u> ) Form 1 ( <u>K623</u> )
<b>Medical Consults (ER/Ward)</b>	<b>Assessments (<u>A133, A134, A134, A138 thereafter</u>)</b> can be billed on for daily visits as medical consults team
<b>Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ultrasound Guidance for Procedures (<u>J149</u>)</li> <li>Lumbar Puncture (<u>Z804</u>)</li> <li>Arterial Blood Gas (<u>Z459</u>)</li> <li>Paracentesis Diagnostic (<u>Z590</u>)</li> <li>Paracentesis Therapeutic/Diagnostic (<u>Z591</u>)</li> <li>Thoracentesis Diagnostic (<u>Z331</u>)</li> <li>Thoracentesis Therapeutic/Diagnostic (<u>Z332</u>)</li> <li>Bone Marrow Biopsy (<u>Z403</u>)</li> <li>Aspiration/Injection of Knee (<u>G370</u>)</li> <li>Aspiration/Injection of other joint (<u>G328</u>)</li> <li>SVPs: Weekend/Holiday or Weekday 5pm-12AM (<u>E409</u>) / Midnight - 7AM (<u>E410</u>)</li> </ul>

## Other Considerations

**Hospitalist Premium** - 1500 qualifying services April 1 – March 31 = approximately 110 days in qualifying year will result in 17% increase for all qualifying services except E082

Qualifying services: E082, C122, C123, C124, C002, C007, C009, C132, C137, C139, C142, C143, A/C933, C882/C982