

Corneal Transplant and Epithelial Keratoplasty

CPT Code	Description
▲65710	Keratoplasty (corneal transplant); <u>anterior</u> lamellar
▲65730	penetrating (except in aphakia <u>or pseudophakia</u>)
65750	penetrating (in aphakia)
65755	penetrating (in pseudophakia)
● 65756	endothelial
●+65757	Backbench preparation of corneal endothelial allograft prior to transplantation (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (Use 65757 in conjunction with 65756)

Definition: Corneal transplant includes use of fresh or preserved grafts. The preparation of donor material is included for penetrating or anterior lamellar keratoplasty, but reported separately for endothelial keratoplasty. Do not report 65710-65757 in conjunction with 92025.

Code Details:

CODE	RVU	OF/FAC	MED	PP	ASST
65710	24.84	24.84	90	90	YES
65730	27.65	27.65	90	90	YES
65750	27.95	27.95	90	90	YES
65755	27.80	27.80	90	90	YES
65756	28.53	28.53	90	90	YES
65757	0/0	N/A	N/A	NO	

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CCI ●+ 65757: N/A

Coding Clues:

- Payment is per eye.
- Keratoplasty excludes refractive keratoplasty procedures, 65760, 65765, and 65767.
- 65730 means that the eye still has a natural lens.
- 65750 means that the eye is without a lens.
- 65755 means that the eye has an intraocular lens.

- When performing a "triple procedure" cataract extraction, insertion of intraocular lens, and a corneal transplant, the proper code to use is 65730 even though the eye is pseudophakic at the time of transplant.

- Keratoplasty is the general term for several variants of corneal transplant. CPT code 65710 covers anterior lamellar keratoplasty in which only the outermost layers of cornea are transplanted. CPT codes 65730, 65750, and 65755 refer respectively to full-thickness (penetrating) corneal transplant in a phakic patient, an aphakic patient (with no native lens), and a pseudophakic patient (with an artificial lens). The physician work allowance (WRVU) for each of the three penetrating keratoplasty codes is similar.

- Use 65757 in conjunction with 65756.

- CPT code 65757 will be carrier priced.

- The correct coding for "rebubbling" of a DSEK graft for a patient who had a DSEK procedure and needed to go back to the operating room to reposition a dislocated graft.

- When performed in an ASC or hospital:
 - Use 66020 (injection, anterior chamber of eye (separate procedure) air or liquid) when all that is required is an air injection to reposition the graft.
 - When more extensive manipulations in addition to the air injection are required to get the graft in position, use 66250 (revision or repair of operative wound of anterior segment, any type, early or late, major or minor procedure). I have recommended that in these cases they use 66250 alone, not in addition to 66020.

- 65756 and 65757 are new codes in 2009.

CPT Modifiers

- 57 Decision for surgery. Always appended to the appropriate level of exam.