

Foreign Body Removal – Cornea & Conjunctiva CPT 65205, 65210, 65220, 65222	Original Effective Date:	06/25/2018
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Scope: Corneal and conjunctival foreign bodies can be metal, glass, plastic, or organic/plant matter. These objects can superficially adhere to the surface of the eye or they can be embedded in it. Corneal and conjunctival foreign bodies should be removed in a timely manner to prevent pain, infection, and other complications.

Coverage: Benefit coverage is specific to the member’s benefit plan

Approval Process:

A. Non-clinical medical team approval authority for codes listed below:

CPT	
65205	Removal of foreign body, external eye; conjunctival superficial
65210	Removal of foreign body, external eye; conjunctival embedded (includes concretions), sub-conjunctival, or scleral perforating
65220	Removal of foreign body, external eye; corneal, without slit lamp
65222	Removal of foreign body, external eye; corneal, with slit lamp
ICD 10	
S05.51XA – S05.52XS	Penetrating wound with foreign body of right eyeball, initial encounter - Penetrating wound with foreign body of left eyeball, sequela
T15.01XA – T15.02XS	Foreign body in cornea, right eye, initial encounter - Foreign body in cornea, left eye, sequela
T15.11XA – T15.12XS	Foreign body in conjunctival sac, right eye, initial encounter - Foreign body in conjunctival sac, left eye, sequela
T15.81XA – T15.82XS	Foreign body in other and multiple parts of external eye, right eye, initial encounter - Foreign body in other and multiple parts of external eye, left eye, sequela

B. Medical necessity for conditions not listed above require medical director determination

ICD 10	
H44.701 – H44.799	Unspecified retained (old) intraocular foreign body, nonmagnetic, right eye - Retained (old) intraocular foreign body, nonmagnetic, in other or multiple sites unspecified eye
T15.90XA – T15.92XS	Foreign body on external eye, part unspecified, unspecified eye, initial encounter - Foreign body on external eye, part unspecified, left eye, sequela

Summary of Revisions:

Date	Revision
08/12/2020	Updated diagnosis codes

Reference:

2018 PMIC Ophthalmology Coding Guide – A comprehensive Guide to Procedure and Diagnostic Coding in Ophthalmology