

IPG186 - Tonsillectomy using laser

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Procedure and device:

SNOMED CT preferred term (concept ID)

Bilateral laser tonsillectomy (173426007)

OPCS-4 code(s):

F34.3 Bilateral laser tonsillectomy

Note: Use a supplementary code for concurrent excision of adenoid (**E20.1 Total adenoidectomy** Includes: Excision of adenoid and adenoidectomy or **E20.4 Suction diathermy adenoidectomy**)

Diagnosis or health condition:

SNOMED CT preferred term (concept ID)

Hypertrophy of tonsils	(46689006)
Chronic tonsillitis	(90979004)
Recurrent acute tonsillitis	(195677001)

Clinical coding recommendations for NICE guidance

For each published interventional procedure and medical technologies guidance, we work with NHS Digital to provide relevant clinical coding information.

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