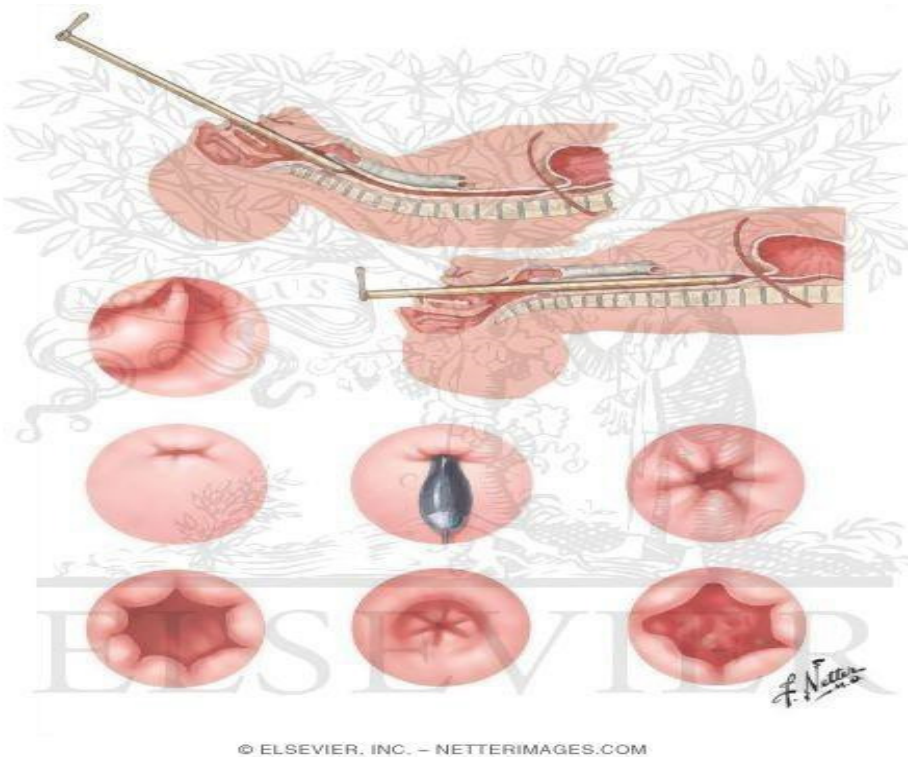


## Esophagoscopy – CPT Codes 43191 - 43232

The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) works to ensure that adequate methods are in place for gastroenterology practices to report and obtain fair and reasonable reimbursement for procedures, tests and visits. To assist practices in understanding and implementing GI-specific coding, ASGE has developed coding sheets. The purpose of the coding sheet is to provide a high-level overview to support practices in their coding and reimbursement for 2018.



### What is an Esophagoscopy?

It is the examination of the interior of the esophagus by means of an esophagoscope.

The CPT<sup>®</sup> codes in this series identify services performed during an esophagoscopy. They are broken down by scope type – Flexible, Rigid and the different approaches – Transoral or Transnasal.

**Coding Tip** - Beginning **January 1, 2017**, moderate sedation is no longer included in payment for gastrointestinal endoscopy services. If you provide moderate (conscious) sedation in conjunction with GI procedures you must now bill sedation separately with the appropriate moderate sedation HCPCS code(s) 99151, 99152, +99153, 99155, 99156, +99157 and G0500. This is important as the moderate sedation service was previously included in the relative value units (RVUs) for gastrointestinal endoscopy services. Failure to bill moderate sedation codes separately will result in loss of revenue for these services. ASGE suggests that you consult your individual payer policies for further information on moderate sedation billing processes.



## Codes for Esophagoscopy, Rigid

CPT Code	Code Descriptor
43191	Esophagoscopy, rigid, transoral; diagnostic
43192	Esophagoscopy, rigid, transoral; injection(s)
43193	Esophagoscopy, rigid, transoral; biopsy
43194	Esophagoscopy, rigid, transoral; foreign body removal
43195	Esophagoscopy, rigid, transoral; balloon dilation
43196	Esophagoscopy, rigid, transoral; guide wire insertion

## CPT Codes for Esophagoscopy, Flexible, Transnasal

CPT Code	Code Descriptor
43197	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transnasal; diagnostic
43198	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transnasal; with biopsy, single or multiple

## CPT Codes for Esophagoscopy, Flexible, Transoral

CPT Code	Code Descriptor
43200	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; diagnostic, including collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing, when performed (separate procedure)
43201	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with directed submucosal injection(s), any substance
43202	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with biopsy, single or multiple
43204	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with injection sclerosis of esophageal varices
43205	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with band ligation of esophageal varices
43206	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with optical endomicroscopy
43211-43214	Codes are out of numerical sequence.
43215	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with removal of foreign body(s)

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<b>43216</b>	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) by hot biopsy forceps
<b>43217</b>	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) by snare technique
<b>43211</b>	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with endoscopic mucosal resection
<b>43212</b>	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with placement of endoscopic stent (includes pre-and postdilation and guide wire passage, when performed)
<b>43220</b>	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transendoscopic balloon dilation (less than 30 mm diameter)
<b>43213</b>	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with dilation of esophagus, by balloon or dilator, retrograde (includes fluoroscopic guidance, when performed)
<b>43214</b>	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with dilation of esophagus with balloon (30 mm diameter or larger) (includes fluoroscopic guidance, when performed)
<b>43226</b>	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with insertion of guide wire followed by passage of dilator(s) over guide wire
<b>43227</b>	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with control of bleeding, any method
<b>43229</b>	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with ablation of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) (includes pre- and post-dilation and guide wire passage, when performed)
<b>43231</b>	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with endoscopic ultrasound examination
<b>43232</b>	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transendoscopic ultrasound-guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s)