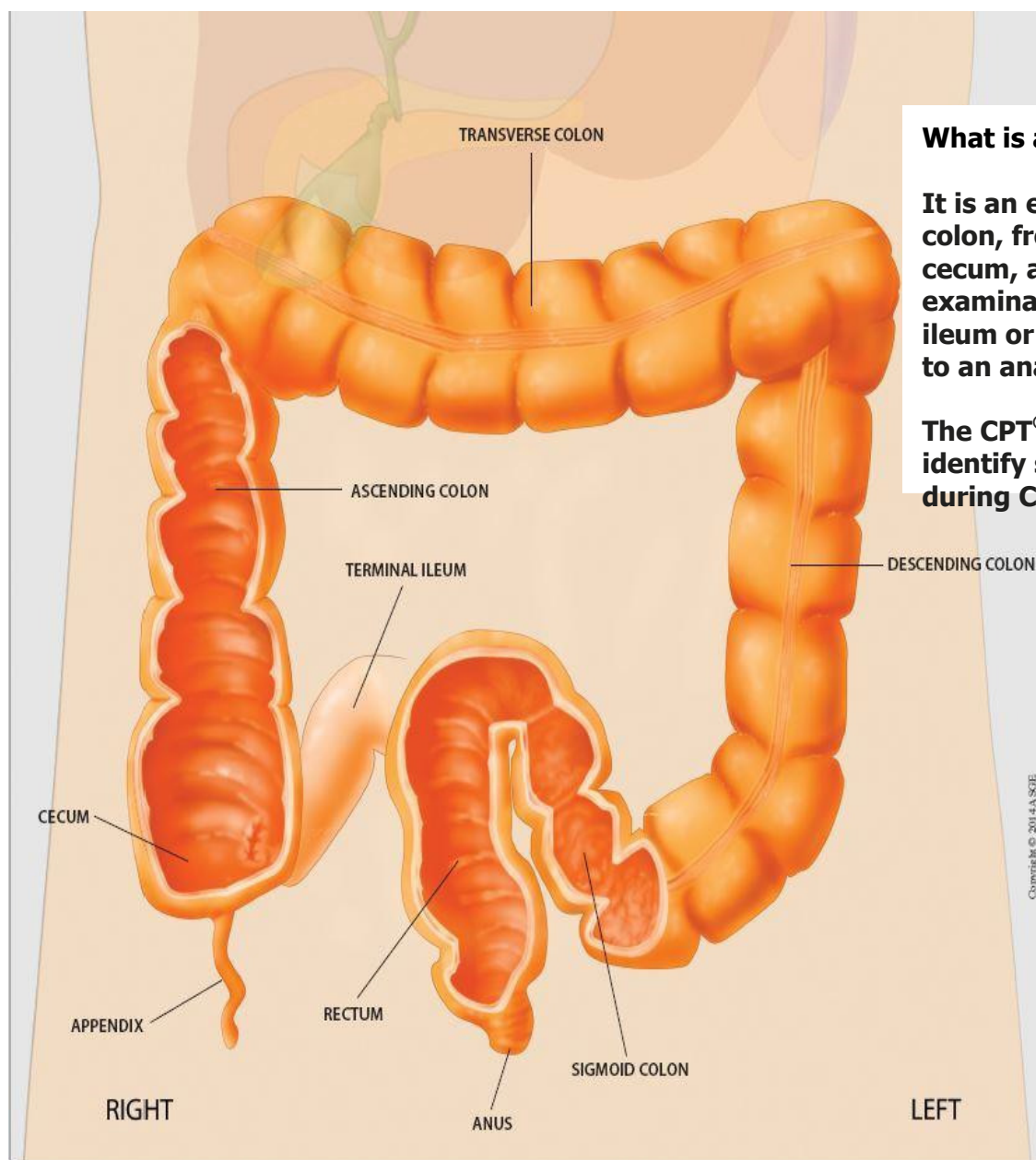


## Colonoscopy – CPT Codes 45378-45398, G0105, G0121

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 a Colonoscopy?

It is an examination of the entire colon, from the rectum to the cecum, and may include examination of the terminal ileum or small intestine proximal to an anastomosis.

The CPT<sup>®</sup> codes in this series identify services performed during Colonoscopy

# 2018 CPT<sup>®</sup> Changes - Gastroenterology



## CPT Codes for Colonoscopy (45378-45398)

CPT Code	Code Descriptor
45378	Colonoscopy, flexible; diagnostic, including collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing, when performed (separate procedure)
45379	Colonoscopy, flexible; with removal of foreign body(s)
45380	Colonoscopy, flexible; with biopsy, single or multiple
45381	Colonoscopy, flexible; with directed submucosal injection(s), any substance
45382	Colonoscopy, flexible; with control of bleeding, any method
45388	Colonoscopy, flexible; with ablation of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) (includes pre- and postdilation and guide wire passage, when performed)
45384	Colonoscopy, flexible; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) by hot biopsy forceps
45385	Colonoscopy, flexible; with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other lesion(s) by snare technique
45386	Colonoscopy, flexible; with transendoscopic balloon dilation
45389	Colonoscopy, flexible; with endoscopic stent placement (includes pre- and postdilation and guide wire passage, when performed)
45391	Colonoscopy, flexible; with endoscopic ultrasound examination limited to the rectum, sigmoid, descending, transverse, or ascending colon and cecum, and adjacent structures
45392	Colonoscopy, flexible; with transendoscopic ultrasound guided intramural or transmural fine needle aspiration/biopsy(s), includes endoscopic ultrasound examination limited to the rectum, sigmoid, descending, transverse, or ascending colon and cecum, and adjacent structures
45390	Colonoscopy, flexible; with endoscopic mucosal resection
45393	Colonoscopy, flexible; with decompression (for pathologic distention) (eg, volvulus, megacolon), including placement of decompression tube, when performed
45398	Colonoscopy, flexible; with band ligation(s) (eg, hemorrhoids)

## HCPCS Codes for Colonoscopy

HCPCS Code	Code Descriptor
G0105	Colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individual at high risk
G0121	Colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individual not meeting criteria for high risk

**Coding Tip** - Beginning **January 1, 2017**, moderate sedation is 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.