

Webinar Q&A

Obstetrical and Non-Obstetrical Pelvic Ultrasound Exams

The following questions were submitted following the webinar listed above:

Question 1: Do we need to separate paragraphs for transabdominal (TA) and transvaginal (TV) in early pregnancy?

Answer: There is no supporting documentation that there must be separate paragraphs for an early TA and TV studies. Information gleaned from both approaches should be included in the report to support medical necessity and to provide the highest level of patient care.

Question 2: How do you code a biophysical profile without non-stress test on a twin gestation?

Answer: The appropriate way to report that coding scenario is to code 76819 x 2. The 2016 CPT manual states that "...for the second and any additional fetuses, should be reported separately...with modifier 59 appended."

Question 3: If the documentation only provides the date of the start of the patient's last menstrual period how do you calculate the gestational age?

Answer: The gestational week and the trimester can be calculated by using the due-date calculator on this website: http://www.perinatology.com/calculators/Due-Date.htm.

Perform the calculation based on the first day of the last menstrual period. In the example depicted below, the LMP was 1/10/2016. The gestational age is calculated at 20 weeks, 5 days. You can now determine the trimester by referring back to slide 17 in the presentation. This patient is in the second trimester.

