Renal Captopril MAG3  
(Tubular Secretion)  
(with and without baseline)

**Study Overview**

**Prep:**
- ACE inhibitors and diuretics should be discontinued for 2 days
- Patient should be well hydrated
- Patient should be NPO for 4 hours before the exam

**Exam Time:**
- With baseline - 3 hours
- Without baseline - 1 hour

**Overview:**
- With baseline
  - Patient is injected with a small amount of radioactive material and images are taken for 45 minutes. After imaging, the patient takes an oral pill of Captopril by clinic or hospital staff and is monitored by a nurse over a one hour period. The patient is then injected with a radioactive material and images are acquired for another 45 minutes.
- Without baseline
  - Patient takes an oral pill of Captopril by clinic or hospital staff and is monitored by a nurse over a one hour period. The patient is then injected with a radioactive material and images are acquired for another 45 minutes.

**Indications**

- Evaluation of renal artery stenosis
- Evaluation of renovascular hypertension

**Billing/Coding**

**With Baseline**
Nuclear Sonics Billing #: 53  
CPT Code: 78709  
CPT Name: Kidney imaging morphology with vascular flow and function, multiple studies, with pharmacological intervention  
Radiopharmaceutical Used:  
  - Tc-99m mertiatide (MAG3)  
HCPCS Code: A9562  
NDC #: if needed, please contact NSA technologist  
Billing for Rp: per study dose, up to 15 millicuries  
Interventional Drug: Captopril  
**Captopril is provided by the clinic or hospital.**

**Without Baseline**
Nuclear Sonics Billing #: 53  
CPT Code: 78708  
CPT Name: Kidney imaging morphology with vascular flow and function, single study, with pharmacological intervention  
Radiopharmaceutical Used:  
  - Tc-99m mertiatide (MAG3)  
Interventional Drug: Captopril

**Contraindications**

- Pregnancy
- Breastfeeding
- Hypersensitivity to any material used
- Patient still on ACE inhibitors

**Pregnancy/Breastfeeding Concerns**

It is at the discretion of the ordering physician, the radiologist and the patient, whether or not a pregnant patient should have any nuclear medicine procedures performed until after the pregnancy has ended. It is the recommendation of Nuclear Sonics that patients who are breastfeeding should discontinue for 10 half-lives of the radiopharmaceutical. This is typically a Technetium product, which has a radioactive half-life of 6 hours, so the typical discontinuation should occur for 60 hours.

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