

# 2019 Billing and Coding Reference

## Lung SBRT Target Delineation

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### Stereotactic body radiation therapy

Stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT), also known as stereotactic ablative radiotherapy (SABR), is a specialized technique used to deliver high doses of radiation to a carefully defined target in 5 or fewer fractions. Due to the high dose(s) of radiation, margins around the targeted tumor(s) must be significantly tighter than margins for conventional therapy. Tighter margins make it necessary to ensure that the patient is properly immobilized and organ motion is monitored during the treatment. Collaboration with a thoracic specialist may be required to ensure proper delineation of thoracic targets.

### CPT coding for thoracic target delineation

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code 32701 is a professional only code and was created for use by a thoracic specialist to account for the work performed during treatment planning to include identification and delineation of the target(s) for stereotactic treatment.

According to the 2019 CPT Code Manual: Target delineation involves the specific determination of tumor borders to identify tumor volume and relationship with adjacent structures (e.g., chest wall, intraparenchymal vasculature, and atelectatic lung) and previously placed fiducial markers, when present. Target delineation also includes availability to identify and validate the thoracic target prior to treatment delivery when a fiducial-less tracking system is utilized. This code may not be reported more than once per course of treatment regardless of the number of fractions delivered.

### 2019 national average Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) professional reimbursement

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CPT	Descriptor	Total Relative Value Units (RVUs) <sup>1</sup>	Payment Rate <sup>2</sup>
32701	Thoracic target(s) delineation for stereotactic body radiation therapy (SRS/SBRT), (photon or particle beam) entire course of treatment	6.21	\$224

1 Obtained from the 2019 MPFS Addendum B posted to CMS.gov on 11/2/18.

2 Calculated using the 2019 conversion factor (CF) of \$36.0391.

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#### **Intended Use Summary**

Varian Medical Systems' linear accelerators are intended to provide stereotactic radiosurgery and precision radiotherapy for lesions, tumors, and conditions anywhere in the body where radiation treatment is indicated.

#### **Safety Statement**

Radiation treatments may cause side effects that can vary depending on the part of the body being treated. The most frequent ones are typically temporary and may include, but are not limited to, irritation to the respiratory, digestive, urinary or reproductive systems, fatigue, nausea, skin irritation, and hair loss. In some patients, they can be severe. Treatment sessions may vary in complexity and time. Radiation treatment is not appropriate for all cancers.

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