

# Adult Neurology Center, P.C.

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## **EMG AND NERVE CONDUCTION STUDIES**

Electromyography And Nerve Conduction Velocity testing (EMG/NCV) are two tests ordered by your physician to look for specific nerve and muscle damage that may be causing your symptoms. These symptoms can range from pain, numbness, tingling, muscle weakness or cramping. Symptoms can include the Cervical and Lumbar spine regions, as well as the arms, legs, hands, or feet.

The Nerve Conduction velocity portion of the exam is performed by attaching surface electrodes to the nerves of the arms and legs. An electrical current is used to stimulate the nerves and measure the speed.

The EMG portion of the exam is performed by inserting a sterile thin needle into the various muscles, recording the electrical activity.

Both tests may result in some mild discomfort, but usually are well tolerated. The test takes 30-60 minutes. A report that includes the results and interpretation of the exams will be sent to your referring physician.

### **TEST PREPARATION:**

- No creams, oils, or lotions on the extremities being studied.
- For upper extremities, wear a short-sleeved or sleeveless shirt/blouse.
- For lower extremities;
  - Women: wear or bring loose-fitting short pants or a skirt easily raised to mid-thigh.
  - Men: wear or bring loose-fitting short pants.
- Patients on blood thinners and those with a pacemaker and/or defibrillators should notify our office. However, this is not a contraindication for the exam.
- Patients on medications should take their usual medication on the day of the test.

**FINANCIAL:** Since most commercial insurance plans have a high deductible, Adult Neurology Center has provided *billing information on the back of this form*. Please turn this form over and review the information provided. Adult Neurology Center highly recommends you contact your insurance carrier (member services phone number on the front or back of your card) before your testing appointment, to determine plan coverage for the EMG/NCV testing. Be sure to ask about your annual deductible and if the charges for this test may be applied to your deductible, which you will have to pay out of your own pocket. Please note Adult Neurology Center requires payment in full of all amounts you owe after your insurance processes the charges. For additional information, please refer to Adult Neurology Center's **Patient Financial Policy** for additional information.

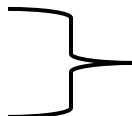
Any questions regarding EMG/NCV testing, preparation instructions, or financial policy, please call the office at 724-229-6195.

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The testing is comprised of two parts – EMG testing and NCV testing. Please have these codes available for the member services representative when you call your insurance company.

For the **EMG** portion of the test, Adult Neurology Center **may bill any combination** of the following procedure codes.

**95885**  
**95886**  
**95887**  
**95937**



Depending on the number of limbs tested, Adult Neurology Center may bill any or all of these codes to your insurance. **95885** and **95886** are the most commonly billed codes and may be billed more than once per test.

For the **NCV** portion of the test, Adult Neurology Center will bill **one** of the following procedure codes.

**95908**  
**95909**  
**95910**  
**95911**  
**95912**  
**95913**

The **diagnostic codes** for the EMG/NCV test are **G72.9** and **R29.898**.

**PLEASE NOTE THE PROCEDURE CODES AND DIAGNOSIS CODES ARE PROVIDED TO HELP YOU DETERMINE WHAT PORTION, IF ANY, OF THE TESTING CHARGES WILL BE APPLIED TO YOUR PLAN YEAR DEDUCTIBLE.**

**FINAL CODING IS DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF EXTREMITIES AND MUSCLES TESTED DURING YOUR APPOINTMENT.**