DaTscan is a radiopharmaceutical indicated for striatal dopamine transporter visualization using single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) brain imaging to assist in the evaluation of adult patients with suspected Parkinsonian syndromes (PS). In these patients, DaTscan may be used to help differentiate essential tremor from tremor due to PS (idiopathic Parkinson’s disease, multiple system atrophy, and progressive supranuclear palsy). DaTscan is an adjunct to other diagnostic evaluations.¹

**Suggested Coding and Payment Information**
Physicians performing brain imaging procedures using DaTscan should report the appropriate [HCPCS code](#) for the product along with the appropriate [CPT® codes](#) for the procedure(s).² Codes differ by setting of care and by payer. Some payers may require the National Drug Code (NDC) for DaTscan: 17156-210-01.

In order to receive appropriate reimbursement for DaTscan, physicians should code:

**Hospital Outpatient** (Both codes are required)

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Please note that the Medicare coding and payment information will change for DaTscan. CMS may grant pass-through payment status in the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (HOPPS). GE Healthcare has applied for a permanent HCPCS code for DaTscan. If assigned, the code would be effective January 1, 2012.

CPT is a registered trademark of the American Medical Association.
### 2011 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System

The 2011 Final Rule for the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System was published in the November 24, 2010 Federal Register and is effective January 1, 2011. For more information on Medicare reimbursement for diagnostic imaging procedures in the hospital outpatient setting, please visit the CMS web site at: [http://www.cms.gov/HospitalOutpatientPPS](http://www.cms.gov/HospitalOutpatientPPS)

### 2011 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (Part B)

The 2011 Final Rule for the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (Part B) was published in the November 29, 2010 Federal Register and is effective January 1, 2011. For more information on Medicare reimbursement for diagnostic imaging procedures in the freestanding facility/physician office setting, please visit the CMS web site at: [http://www.cms.gov/PhysicianFeeSched/PFSFRN/list.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.gov/PhysicianFeeSched/PFSFRN/list.asp#TopOfPage)

### GE Healthcare Reimbursement Hotline

GE Healthcare is pleased to offer toll-free customer support and documentation for coding and reimbursement related to GE Healthcare products. Please contact our Reimbursement Hotline at: **800 767 6664**

### GE Healthcare Web Site

For more information regarding coding and reimbursement related to other GE Healthcare products, please visit our web site at: [http://md.gehealthcare.com/reimb.html](http://md.gehealthcare.com/reimb.html)

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The information referenced and provided is based upon coding experience and research of current general coding practices. The existence of codes does not guarantee coverage or payment for any procedure or contrast agent by any payer. The final decision for coding of any procedure must be made by the provider of care after considering the medical necessity of the services and supplies provided as well as the regulations and local, state, or federal laws that may apply. The coding and payment data are furnished for general informational purposes only and should not be relied upon for purposes of determining payer coverage and coding for a specific case or claim for payment. Providers should refer to authoritative coding sources, such as the Common Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes.

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### Important Risk and Safety Information About DaTscan

DaTscan is a DEA Schedule II controlled substance. A DEA license is required for handling or administering this controlled substance. **CONTRAINDICATIONS:** DaTscan is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to the active substance, any of the excipients, or iodine.

**Please see Full Prescribing Information enclosed.**

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**References:**