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Bionix has launched a New Web Store



Ordering popular items including; Thermoplastic Masks, SecureVac Cushions, SecureFoam, MoldCare and more just got a whole lot easier. The new Bionix web store offers customers multiple product search features, making it easy to find products of interest, place an order and complete payment. Returning customers can use their existing login and password to enter the store.

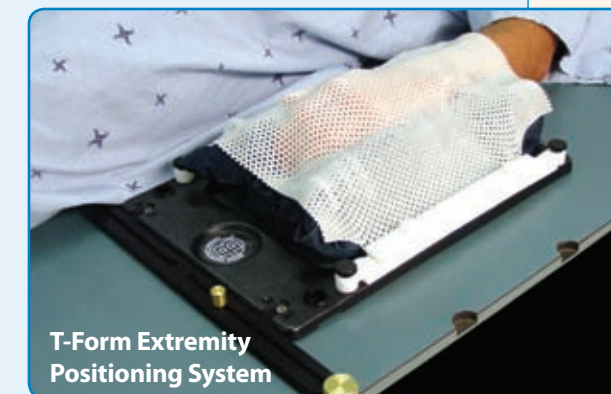
To check out the new web store or to reorder your favorite Bionix products please visit www.BionixRT.com to register and begin ordering online!

The New Extremity Positioning System for Soft Tissue Sarcomas

The T-Form Extremity Positioning System, the newest addition to Bionix's T-Form line of products, provides stability, comfort and high precision. The Extremity System also has the ability to conform to different anatomical tumor locations that vary in size

and shape.

The T-Form Extremity Immobilizer System was designed in collaboration with radiation therapists Colleen Dickie and Amy Parent and radiation physicist Dr. Michael Sharpe from Princess Margaret Hospital, University Hospital Network in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. According to their published report, it was found that the use of Princess Margaret's in-house device, which the T-Form Extremity Immobilizer System was designed after, significantly reduced patient setup time, improved systematic setup uncertainty, and allowed for a reduction of the planning target volume for the treatment of extremity soft tissue sarcomas (Dickie, Parent et al, Medical Dosimetry, Volume 34, Issue 3 2009: Pages 243-249.).



T-Form Extremity Positioning System

Along with the addition of the Extremity Immobilizer System other products in the T-Form line include; The T-Form Multi-Treatment Base for the Prone Breast Board and Pelvis/ Belly Plus, the T-Form Head & Neck Board, and the T-Form Secure-Vac Box Adapter.

Common Billing & Coding Questions & Tips

The following tips have been provided by RADMAX-Radiation Oncology Billing Service.

Can a simple device and a complex device be billed together, intermediate and simple, etc?

CMS publishes quarterly CCI and ME edits. This is their system that determines if a code can be billed with another code and the provider expect payment. As of right now, the highest level code will receive payment if billed on the same day with a lower code. Almost always there is a complex immobilization device use in treatment that will overshadow any simple or intermediate devices.

Example

A wing board (77332) and a vac-loc (77334) used to plan a patient on the same day would be billed out as a 77334 due to the CMS payer edits (CCI edits) state to pay the highest code.

What are some common mistakes made when billing for immobilization devices?

The most common mistake is the overuse of modifier -59. This notifies carriers that the charge is a separate procedure from another

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one on the same day. Over use can send up red flags and may merit your facility a Medicare audit.

Do not down code for payment. Some procedures like IMRT and IGRT have limited coverage. This can pose a problem when a patient needs the procedure but carriers deny the diagnosis. On occasion physicians have actually down coded to regular 3D treatment for payment which is not legal.

What is the best advice in order to get paid at the highest level possible?

This is a very dangerous, but common question. RADMAX only suggests billing according to established guidelines.

Billing Reimbursement Tips

- Make sure you know the carriers reimbursement rates
- Obtain authorizations for IMRT/IGRT in advance
- Know your Medicare MAC's policies especially IMRT/IGRT and SRT/SBRT.
- Educate your physicians regarding payment policies. (Do not let policies guide their treatment but they need to be aware of what is and isn't payable.)
- Watch out for vendors who provide codes for their products. As a biller I strongly suggest to all of our providers to research

any product when it comes to carrier payment and to not always accept what a vendor tells them. (A lot of vendors give providers up coded information to sell their product.)

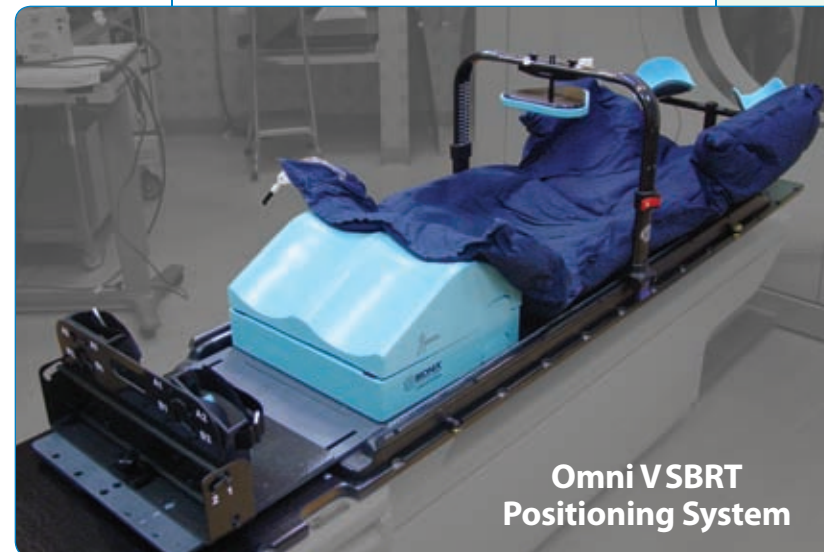
For more Billing and Coding Tips and techniques provided by RADMAX, visit www.BionixRT.com.

Omni V SBRT Positioning System

The Omni V System was created with a focus on sub-millimeter accuracy, ease-of-use and patient comfort. The system is highly adaptable to the needs of both the individual patient and facility.

The OMNI V is offered as a complete system and consists of several key components:

- T-Form Treatment Base
- Comfort Hold Thigh and Foot Positioner
- Upper Arm Support
- Carbon Fiber Turner Arches to control respiratory motion with a quick release function
- Chest/ Diaphragm Compression Plate
- Innovative, Patented Multi-Chamber SecureVac Cushions



Omni V SBRT Positioning System

- Carbon Fiber SecureFit Lockdown Bars
- All of the components offer a number of customizable options making it easy to create an ideal mold to eliminate patient movement.

For more information please contact Bionix toll free at 800.624.6649.

Exercise Lowers Fatigue in Patients Receiving Radiation Therapy

Studies have indicated that light exercise helps to reduce fatigue in patients receiving radiation therapy treatments. The National Cancer Institute undertook a randomized controlled study of

cancer related fatigue in 38 individuals; 27 were women with breast cancer and 11 were men with prostate cancer.

Before undergoing radiation therapy treatment, baseline tests to assess fatigue, strength, and cardiovascular health were performed. The 38 participants were then

Upcoming Tradeshows

- **AAPM - Vancouver, British Columbia - Booth #644 (July 31st)**
- **ASTRO - Miami, FL- Booth #1241 (October 2nd-4th)**
- **ASRT - Miami, FL (October 2nd-4th)**
- **Medica - Dusseldorf, Germany (November 16th-19th)**



split up into two groups. Half of the individuals followed an exercise program throughout their course of treatment that consisted of daily walks and resistance band training. The control group went through the course of radiation treatments without any form of exercise.

The results showed that the group that exercised maintained stamina during the course of treatment

and showed signs of improved aerobic capacity. They were able to walk faster and further in only four weeks and experienced less cancer related fatigue when compared to the control group. In fact, the control subjects demonstrated a decline in their baseline muscle strength.

Source: Dr. Kornmehl, "The Best News about Radiation Therapy: (M. Evans, 2004)

Photo Hunt Puzzle

Find the 5 differences in the pictures below

To view the answers, please visit www.BionixRT.com. Click on 'Media' and then 'Newsletters'.



Bionix Donates Over \$7,000 to Fund Cancer Research

With every sale of the Prone Breast System and the Comfort Hold Foot and Thigh Positioner, Bionix is donating a portion of the proceeds to breast cancer and prostate cancer research.

