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**Q & A with Dr. Z**

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***Question: WavelinQ System***
*We have implanted a WavelinQ device but are not sure how to code this procedure. There is a supply C-code available, but we don’t know which CPT code to use.*

**Answer:**
The WavelinQ is fairly new technology for creating an AV dialysis fistula. It requires separate percutaneous venous and arterial access and uses two catheters with a built in magnet to position the catheters. RF energy is then used to create the fistula.

The C-code you refer to as a supply code is probably the procedure code. The procedure is reported with HCPCS level II code, **C9755**, with a national APC payment of $9,669.04. This code became effective on 1/1/2019. Payment at an ASC is about half as much as APC payment. For physician billing, there is no specific code. Physicians report unlisted code **37799** for the procedure.

Another new method for AV fistula creation uses the Ellipsys device, which is reported with code **C9754**.





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