BILLING CODES, NOMENCLATURE, AND NARRATIVE WITH STRAUMANN EMDOGAIN™

Code D4265 Biologic material to aid in soft and osseous tissue regeneration
Biologic materials may be used alone or with other regenerative substrates such as bone and barrier membranes, depending upon their formulation and the presentation of the periodontal defect. This procedure does not include surgical entry and closure, wound debridement, osseous contouring, or the placement of graft and/or barrier membranes. Other separate procedures may be required concurrent to D4265 and should be reported using their own unique codes.

Codes commonly billed concurrent with (Emdogain) D4265
- D4240 gingival flap procedure, including root planing – four or more contiguous teeth per quadrant
- D4241 gingival flap procedure, including root planing – one to three contiguous teeth per quadrant
- D4260 osseous surgery (including flap entry and closure) – four or more teeth per quadrant
- D4261 osseous surgery (including flap entry and closure) – one to three contiguous teeth per quadrant
- D4263 bone replacement graft – first site in quadrant (use this code when graft is used to replace bone in areas of bone loss due to periodontal disease)
- D4273 subepithelial connective tissue graft procedures, per tooth
- D4341 periodontal scaling and root planing - four or more teeth per quadrant
- D4342 periodontal scaling and root planing – one to three teeth per quadrant

Pre-determining insurance coverage
Determining the level to which a patient’s insurance will cover treatment can help you and your patient in understanding how much of the treatment costs will be out-of-pocket. Pre-determining coverage for Emdogain also allows you the opportunity to discuss the benefits that Emdogain can bring to the patient’s treatment and the value it can bring. Work with the insurance company to determine the best means of pre-determining coverage.
One means of helping insurance companies to understand the purpose of using Emdogain in treatment is to utilize narratives. The narratives below have been utilized by various clinicians, who have found them to be successful.

**Generic all inclusive**
Patient has periodontal ligament and bone loss due to moderate to severe chronic periodontitis. Emdogain was used as a biologic material after debridement and disinfection of the periodontal defect to aid in soft and osseous tissue regeneration.

**Recession (S)CTG**
Patient has localized moderate to severe loss of attachment (indicate tooth #), bleeding on probing, and advanced bone loss. Connective tissue graft (or just coronally advanced flap) was indicated to repair mucogingival defects and to cover recession. Emdogain was placed as a biologic material to aid in repair of attachment and regeneration of soft and osseous tissue.

Patient has localized moderate to severe loss of attachment, bleeding on probing and marginal inflammation (indicate tooth #). There is also a history of tooth pain and progressing attachment loss. Connective tissue grafts were indicated to repair mucogingival defects and cover symptomatic recession. Due to advanced buccal bone loss found at the time of grafting, Emdogain was placed to help induce repair of both attachment and bone. Without treatment, the patient is at risk for disease progression and tooth loss.

**Intrabony Defects and Class II Furcation Defects**
Patient has localized (intrabony defect) (class II furcation) on (indicate tooth #) due to moderate to severe chronic periodontitis. After disinfection, debridement and degranulation of the periodontal defect, Emdogain was applied as a biologic material to aid in soft and osseous tissue regeneration.