Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) for Select Intra-Abdominal and Pelvic Malignancies

Introduction

Chemotherapy can be delivered directly into the abdominal cavity to treat certain types of cancer. However, chemotherapy has trouble penetrating large tumors. That’s why surgery is done to remove as much cancer as possible before chemotherapy is directly given into the abdomen. Removing or reducing the size of the tumor—also called debulking—provides the chemotherapy drug the best chance to kill the remaining cancer cells. There are several different types of cancer in which this treatment has been tried. This policy describes when debulking surgery followed by direct application of chemotherapy may be considered medically necessary.

Note: The Introduction section is for your general knowledge and is not to be taken as policy coverage criteria. The rest of the policy uses specific words and concepts familiar to medical professionals. It is intended for providers. A provider can be a person, such as a doctor, nurse, psychologist, or dentist. A provider also can be a place where medical care is given, like a hospital, clinic, or lab. This policy informs them about when a service may be covered.
**Note:** This policy addresses “perioperative” intraperitoneal chemotherapy; that is, intraperitoneal chemotherapy which occurs at the same operative session as the cytoreductive or interval cytoreductive surgery. This policy does not address intraperitoneal chemotherapy which is delivered directly into the abdominal cavity through an indwelling catheter with an access port given post-operatively either in an inpatient or outpatient setting.

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- Pseudomyxoma peritonei (malignant tumor of the appendix)  
- Diffuse malignant peritoneal mesothelioma  

The use of HIPEC may be considered medically necessary in newly diagnosed epithelial ovarian or fallopian tube cancer at the time of interval cytoreductive surgery when ALL of the following criteria are met:  
- The patient has newly diagnosed stage III disease (see Related Information)  
- The patient is not eligible for primary cytoreductive surgery or surgery has been performed but was incomplete and the patient received 3 cycles of cis-platinum and paclitaxel systemic neoadjuvant chemotherapy immediately prior to interval-debulking surgery (see Related Information); and  
- Optimal cytoreduction (residual tumor nodules of <10 mm is achieved at the time of the interval debulking surgery (see Related Information)  
- The HIPEC agent used is cis-platinum  

The use of HIPEC in all other settings to treat ovarian cancer, including, but not limited to stage IIIC or IV ovarian cancer is considered investigational.

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intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC) | • Peritoneal carcinomatosis from colorectal cancer, gastric cancer, or endometrial cancer
• All other indications, including goblet cell tumors of the appendix

**Documentation Requirements**

The patient’s medical records submitted for review for all conditions should document that medical necessity criteria are met. The record should include the following:

1. For Cytoreductive surgery plus hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC) at the time of surgery:
   - Office visit notes that contain the relevant history and physical supporting any of the following diagnoses:
     - Pseudomyxoma peritonei (malignant tumor of the appendix)
     - Diffuse malignant peritoneal mesothelioma

2. For HIPEC
   - Office visit notes that contain the relevant history and physical supporting:
     - Newly diagnosed epithelial ovarian or fallopian tube cancer at the time of interval cytoreductive surgery and ALL of the following criteria:
       - The patient has stage III disease
       - The patient is not eligible for primary cytoreductive surgery or surgery has been performed but was incomplete and the patient received 3 cycles of cis-platinum and paclitaxel systemic neoadjuvant chemotherapy immediately prior to interval-debulking surgery
       - Residual tumor nodules of <10 mm is achieved at the time of the interval debulking surgery
     AND
       - The HIPEC agent used is cis-platinum

**Coding**

The coding for this overall procedure would likely involve codes for the surgery, the intraperitoneal chemotherapy, and the hyperthermia.
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**Cytoreduction**

There is no specific CPT code for the surgical component of this complex procedure. It is likely that a series of CPT codes would be used describing exploratory laparotomies of various components of the abdominal cavity, in addition to specific codes for resection of visceral organs, depending on the extent of the carcinomatosis.

**Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy**

When performed using a temporary catheter or performed intraoperatively, the unlisted code 96549 (unlisted chemotherapy procedure) would be reported.

**Hyperthermia**

This procedure does not refer to external application of heat as described by CPT code 77605. There are no codes for the heating of the chemotherapy.

**Related Information**

Ovarian cancer staging is as follows:

**Stage I:** The cancer is confined to the ovary or fallopian tube.

**Stage II:** The cancer involves one or both ovaries with pelvic extension.

**Stage III:** The cancer has spread within the abdomen.
Stage IV: The cancer is widely spread throughout the body.

Eligibility for neoadjuvant chemotherapy and interval debulking surgery is based on a high perioperative risk profile (ie, the patient is a poor candidate to withstand an aggressive initial cytoreductive procedure) or a low likelihood of achieving cytoreduction to less than 1 cm (ie, the patient has extensive disease that precludes upfront optimal cytoreduction) or surgery has been performed but was incomplete (ie, after surgery, one or more residual tumors measuring >1 cm in diameter were present).

Complete cytoreduction is defined as no visible disease and optimal cytoreduction as one or more residual tumors measuring 10 mm or less in diameter remaining.

Evidence Review

Description

Cytoreductive surgery (CRS) comprises peritonectomy (ie, peritoneal stripping) procedures and multivisceral resections, depending on the extent of intra-abdominal tumor dissemination. CRS may be followed intraoperatively by infusion of intraperitoneal chemotherapy with or without heating, which is intended to improve the tissue penetration of the chemotherapy. When heated, this is referred to as hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC). CRS and HIPEC have been proposed for a number of intra-abdominal and pelvic malignancies such as pseudomyxoma peritonei and peritoneal carcinomatosis from colorectal, gastric, or endometrial cancer.

Background

Pseudomyxoma Peritonei

Pseudomyxoma peritonei is a clinicopathologic disease characterized by the production of mucinous ascites and mostly originates from epithelial neoplasms of the appendix. Appendix cancer is diagnosed in fewer than 1000 Americans each year; less than half are epithelial neoplasms. As mucin-producing cells of the tumor proliferate, the narrow lumen of the appendix becomes obstructed and subsequently leads to appendiceal perforation. Neoplastic cells progressively colonize the peritoneal cavity and produce copious mucin, which collects in
the peritoneal cavity. Pseudomyxoma peritonei ranges from benign (disseminated peritoneal adenomucinosis) to malignant (peritoneal mucinous carcinomatosis), with some intermediate pathologic grades. Clinically, this syndrome ranges from early pseudomyxoma peritonei, usually discovered on imaging or during a laparotomy performed for another reason, to advanced cases with a distended abdomen, bowel obstruction, and starvation.

### Treatment

The conventional treatment of pseudomyxoma peritonei is surgical debulking repeated as necessary to alleviate pressure effects. However, repeated debulking surgeries become more difficult due to progressively thickened intra-abdominal adhesions, and this treatment is palliative, leaving visible or occult disease in the peritoneal cavity.²

#### Peritoneal Carcinomatosis of Colorectal Origin

Peritoneal dissemination develops in 10% to 15% of patients with colon cancer.

### Treatment

Despite the use of increasingly effective regimens of chemotherapy and biologic agents to treat advanced disease, peritoneal metastases are associated with a median survival of 6 to 7 months.

#### Peritoneal Carcinomatosis of Gastric Origin

Peritoneal carcinomatosis is detected in more than 30% of patients with advanced gastric cancer and is a poor prognostic indicator. The median survival is 3 months, and 5-year survival is less than 1%.³ Sixty percent of deaths from gastric cancer are attributed to peritoneal carcinomatosis.⁴

### Treatment

Current chemotherapy regimens are nonstandard, and peritoneal seeding is considered unresectable for cure.⁵
**Peritoneal Mesothelioma**

Malignant mesothelioma is a relatively uncommon malignancy that may arise from the mesothelial cells lining the pleura, peritoneum, pericardium, and tunica vaginalis testis. In the United States, 200 to 400 new cases of diffuse malignant peritoneal mesothelioma (DMPM) are registered every year, accounting for 10% to 30% of all-type mesothelioma. DMPM has traditionally been considered a rapidly lethal malignancy with limited and ineffective therapeutic options. The disease is usually diagnosed at an advanced stage and is characterized by multiple variably sized nodules throughout the abdominal cavity. As the disease progresses, the nodules become confluent to form plaques, masses, or uniformly cover peritoneal surfaces. In most patients, death eventually results from locoregional progression within the abdominal cavity. In historical case series, treatment by palliative surgery, systemic or intraperitoneal chemotherapy, and abdominal irradiation resulted in a median survival of 12 months.

**Treatment**

Surgical cytoreduction (resection of visible disease) in conjunction with HIPEC is designed to remove visible tumor deposits and residual microscopic disease. By delivering chemotherapy intraperitoneally, drug exposure to the peritoneal surface is increased some 20-fold compared with systemic exposure. In addition, previous animal and in vitro studies have suggested that the cytotoxicity of mitomycin C is enhanced at temperatures greater than 39°C (102.2°F).

**Ovarian Cancer**

Several different types of malignancies can arise in the ovaries; epithelial carcinoma is the most common type, accounting for 90% of malignant ovarian tumors. Epithelial ovarian cancer is the fifth most common cause of cancer death in women in the United States. Most ovarian cancer patients (>70%) present with widespread disease, and annual mortality is approximately 65% of the incidence rate.

**Treatment**

Current management of advanced epithelial ovarian cancer is CRS followed by combination chemotherapy. Tumor recurrences are common, and the prognosis for recurrent disease is poor.
CRS plus HIPEC in combination with systemic chemotherapy is being studied for primary and recurrent disease.

**Cytoreductive Surgery Plus Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy**

Cytoreductive surgery (CRS) includes peritonectomy (i.e., peritoneal stripping) procedures and multivisceral resections, depending on the extent of intra-abdominal tumor dissemination. CRS may be followed intraoperatively by the infusion of intraperitoneal chemotherapy, agents frequently used include mitomycin C and cis-platinum. The intraperitoneal chemotherapy may be heated and this is referred to as hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC). Inflow and outflow catheters are placed in the abdominal cavity, along with probes to monitor temperature. The skin is then temporarily closed during the chemotherapy perfusion, which typically runs for 1 to 2 hours.

CRS plus HIPEC is being evaluated for the following conditions:

- Pseudomyxoma peritonei;
- Peritoneal carcinomatosis of colorectal, gastric, or endometrial origin;
- Peritoneal mesothelioma;
- Ovarian cancer; and
- Appendiceal goblet cell tumors.

**Summary of Evidence**

For individuals who have pseudomyxoma peritonei who receive cytoreductive surgery (CRS) plus HIPEC, the evidence includes cohort studies and a systematic review. Relevant outcomes are overall survival (OS), disease-specific survival, quality of life, and treatment-related mortality and morbidity. Uncontrolled studies of primary treatment of pseudomyxoma peritonei with CRS plus HIPEC have reported a median and a 5-year overall survival ranging from 47 to 156 months and 41% to 96%, respectively. Two small retrospective study, of CRS plus HIPEC for recurrence indicated 5-year overall survival rates ranging from 34% to 79%. Procedure-related morbidity and mortality have decreased over time. Controlled studies are needed to draw conclusions about the efficacy and safety of CRS plus HIPEC compared with standard treatment (CRS alone). The evidence is insufficient to determine the effects of the technology on health outcomes.
For individuals who have peritoneal carcinomatosis of colorectal origin who receive CRS plus HIPEC, the evidence includes a randomized controlled trial (RCT), systematic reviews, and a large number of observational studies. Relevant outcomes are overall survival, disease-specific survival, quality of life, and treatment-related mortality and morbidity. A meta-analysis of controlled studies found that CRS plus HIPEC, compared with traditional therapy without HIPEC, was associated with significantly higher survival rates, and was not associated with significantly higher treatment-related morbidity rates. The RCT, in which patients with peritoneal carcinomatosis due to colorectal cancer were followed for at least 6 years, demonstrated improved survival in patients who received CRS plus HIPEC and systemic chemotherapy compared with patients who received systemic chemotherapy alone. However, procedure-related morbidity and mortality were relatively high, and systemic chemotherapy regimens did not use currently available biologic agents. The evidence is insufficient to determine the effects of the technology on health outcomes.

For individuals who have peritoneal carcinomatosis of gastric origin who receive CRS plus HIPEC, the evidence includes 2 small RCTs, observational studies, and a systematic review. Relevant outcomes are overall survival, disease-specific survival, quality of life, and treatment-related mortality and morbidity. A 2017 meta-analysis identified 2 RCTs and 12 controlled nonrandomized studies comparing surgery plus HIPEC with standard surgical management in patients who had peritoneal carcinomatosis due to gastric cancer. The meta-analysis found significantly better survival in the surgery plus HIPEC group at 1 year but not at 2 or 3 years. An RCT found better survival in patients who received CRS plus HIPEC compared with an alternative treatment. The evidence is insufficient to determine the effects of the technology on health outcomes.

For individuals who have peritoneal carcinomatosis of endometrial origin who receive CRS plus HIPEC, the evidence includes cohort studies. Relevant outcomes are overall survival, disease-specific survival, quality of life, and treatment-related mortality and morbidity. Only uncontrolled studies with small sample sizes were available (<25 patients). Randomized trials that compare CRS plus HIPEC with standard treatment (eg, CRS alone or systemic chemotherapy alone) are needed. The evidence is insufficient to determine the effects of the technology on health outcomes.

For individuals who have peritoneal mesothelioma who receive CRS plus HIPEC, the evidence includes retrospective cohort studies and systematic reviews. Relevant outcomes are overall survival, disease-specific survival, quality of life, and treatment-related mortality and morbidity. Uncontrolled studies have shown median and 5-year overall survival ranging from 30 to 92 months and 33% to 68%, respectively, for patients who had peritoneal mesothelioma treated with CRS plus HIPEC. Reported procedure-related morbidity and mortality were approximately
35% and 5%, respectively. Although no RCTs or comparative studies have been published, uncontrolled study data have shown reasonable rates of overall survival with the use of this technique. Procedure-related morbidity and mortality have remained steady over time. Because the prevalence of peritoneal mesothelioma is very low, conducting high-quality trials is difficult. Thus, although the evidence is insufficient to determine the effects of the technology on health outcomes, for the reasons discussed above, CRS plus HIPEC may be considered medically necessary for this indication.

For individuals who have newly diagnosed stage III ovarian cancer who receive initial cytoreductive chemotherapy followed by CRS plus HIPEC, the evidence includes an RCT. Relevant outcomes are overall survival, disease-specific survival, quality of life, and treatment-related mortality and morbidity. For patients with newly diagnosed stage III ovarian cancer who received neoadjuvant chemotherapy, cis-platinum based HIPEC increased the time to disease recurrence and reduced mortality. This HIPEC did not increase serious adverse events compared with surgery alone. The evidence is sufficient to determine that the technology results in a meaningful improvement in the net health outcome for newly diagnosed stage III ovarian carcinoma.

For individuals who have recurrent stage IIIIC or IV ovarian cancer who receive CRS plus HIPEC, the evidence includes an RCT and systematic review. Relevant outcomes are overall survival, disease-specific survival, quality of life, and treatment-related mortality and morbidity. For recurrent stage IIIIC or IV disease (second-line setting), evidence from an RCT indicated that CRS plus HIPEC improved survival compared with CRS without HIPEC. However, interpretation of this study is limited because treatment groups in this RCT were unbalanced at baseline (variation in the completeness of cytoreduction), which has been shown to be associated with survival. The evidence is insufficient to determine the effects of the technology on health outcomes.

For individuals who have appendiceal goblet cell tumors who receive CRS plus HIPEC, the evidence includes a case series. Relevant outcomes are overall survival, disease-specific survival, quality of life, and treatment-related mortality and morbidity. One retrospective series was identified. Additional studies—preferably controlled and ideally RCTs—are needed. The evidence is insufficient to determine the effects of the technology on health outcomes.

**Ongoing and Unpublished Clinical Trials**

Some currently unpublished trials that might influence this review are listed in Table 1.
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NCT: National Clinical Trial

### Practice Guidelines and Position Statements

**National Comprehensive Cancer Network**

National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines include the following relevant recommendations for colon cancer (v.2.2018) and rectal cancer (v.2.2018): “The panel currently believes that complete cytoreductive surgery and/or intraperitoneal chemotherapy can be considered in experienced centers for selected patients with limited peritoneal metastases for whom R0 resection can be achieved. The panel recognizes the need for randomized clinical trials that will address the risks and benefits associated with each of these modalities.”[^38][^39]

NCCN guidelines for gastric cancer (v.2.2018) and for uterine neoplasms (v.2.2018) do not discuss cytoreductive surgery (CRS) plus hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC).[^40][^41]

NCCN guidelines on ovarian cancer (v.2.2018) state that “patients with low volume residual disease after surgical debulking for stage II or II invasive epithelial ovarian or peritoneal cancer are candidates for intraperitoneal (IP) chemotherapy.”[^42] Use of HIPEC is not specified.
**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons**

The 2017 practice guidelines on the management of colon cancer by the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons stated that treatment of patients with isolated peritoneal carcinomatosis may include CRS in conjunction with perioperative intraperitoneal chemotherapy with or without hyperthermia.\(^\text{43}\)

**Society of Surgical Oncology**

The Society of Surgical Oncology (2007) issued a consensus statement on CRS and HIPEC in the management of peritoneal surface malignancies of colonic origin.\(^\text{44}\) The Society recommended that patients with peritoneal carcinomatosis without distant disease, in whom complete cytoreduction is possible, undergo HIPEC before systemic therapy. As of July 2018, an updated statement has not been published.

**Medicare National Coverage**

There is no national coverage determination.

**Regulatory Status**

Mitomycin, carboplatin, cis-platinum and other drugs used for HIPEC have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for this indication. Cyclophosphamide and nitrogen mustard are FDA-approved for intraperitoneal administration, but neither drug is regularly used for this purpose.\(^\text{8}\)

Several peritoneal lavage systems (FDA product code: LGZ) have been cleared for marketing by FDA through the 510(k) process to provide “warmed, physiologically compatible sterile solution” (eg, Performer® HT perfusion system; RanD Srl). None have received marketing approval or clearance to administer chemotherapy. FDA has issued warnings to manufacturers of devices that are FDA-cleared for peritoneal lavage using sterile saline solutions when these devices are marketed for off-label use in HIPEC (eg, ThermaSolutions\(^\text{9}\); Belmont Instrument\(^\text{10}\)).


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