

The Short Version

H055 (FRCP).....\$97.60
H065 (all others).....\$74.25

It pays to get a
consult note
faxed!

Billing Group Interpretation

A **consult** is an assessment rendered following a **WRITTEN** request from a referring physician. A copy of the written request must be kept in the chart.

Increase your consultation billings by always asking the patient if they saw another doctor prior to you. Note this immediately on blue and **ensure that a written request is faxed to the ER.**

The consult code usually reigns as the top code, although occasionally it will be better to use G521 codes if applicable to the presentation.

Don't forget that you can bill a reassessment code H1X4 with a consult code.

Example 1:

Case: Call from Dr. Death in Monday After Hours Clinic – 60 Male – vague abdo pain. You ask the referring physician to send in a written consultation request with the pertinent information.

ED course: You assess the patient in the ER at 2100 including Hx/PE and labs and POCUS for r/o AAA. You reassess the patient clinically in 2 hours and decide to do a CT scan. The CT scan shows pan-colitis and you refer the patient to General surgery at 0100.

Document: **ED Assessment + Re-assessment note and time + attach consult note to chart**

Blue Sheet Coding: **H055/H065 + H100 + H134**

Example 2:

Case: 72 M – Saturday 1300 - Dr. Walk-in calls you to request your urgent assessment of a patient who looks unwell with a pulse of 180. You ask the referring physician to send a written consultation request with the pertinent information and call the ambulance STAT.

ED course: Pt. arrives in ambulance looks ashen and grey with a blood pressure of 90 and SVT. You decide to administer adenosine, which is effective. The patient requires further bedside care because of active chest pain and ischemic changes and you then refer to CCU.

Document: **ED Assessment + Re-assessment note and time(s) + attach consult note to chart**

Blue Sheet Coding: **G521 + G523 + H113** (\$110.55)+(\$55.20)+(\$19.80) = \$185.55