

Using the **NovaGuide**[™] **Intelligent Ultrasound** for PFO Assessment



Patients with certain PFOs are at a significantly increased risk of stroke. If undetected or left untreated, it can lead to secondary stroke and permanent disability or death.

In cryptogenic stroke patients with a PFO, the rate of recurrent stroke is





345,000 patients worldwide present with a PFO and an embolic stroke of unknown source

Every year

PFO Assessment

The most frequently used modalities for PFO assessment are listed below in Figure 1. Transcranial Doppler Ultrasound (TCD) has the highest sensitivity and specificity, and provides a safe and non-invasive assessment.

Figure 1

Modality	Advantages	Disadvantages
TCD	 Non-invasive High sensitivity (96%) High specificity (92%) Determination of shunt magnitude 	 Exams can be difficult to conduct manually Limited anatomic assessment
TTE	Non-invasiveAnatomical visibility	• Low sensitivity (50%-60%)
TEE	 Visualization of foramen ovale Sensitivity (90%) Specificity (95%) 	 Very invasive Requires anesthesia Can be difficult to conduct



Efficient PFO Workflow and Reporting

Bubble frequency at rest and during Valsalva: Figure 2 below highlights the benefits while conducting PFO assessments at rest and during Valsalva

At rest Less than 30 bubbles

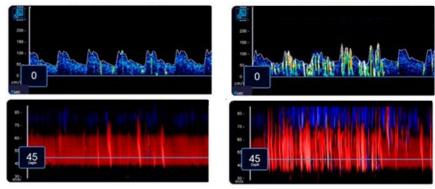


Figure 2

Valsalva maneuver Uncountable number of bubbles

2020 National Average Medicare Reimbursement

93893 Emboli Detection with IV Microbubble Injection \$173.59

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Figure 1. Saver JL, Mattle HP, Thaler D. Patent foramen ovale closure versus medical therapy for cryptogenic ischemic stroke: a topical review.Stroke. 2018; 49:1541–1548. doi: 10.1161/STROKEAHA.117.018153