

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

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TITLE: THERMOGRAPHY

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

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II. DESCRIPTION

Thermography is a procedure which relies upon measurement of infrared radiation from the body for diagnostic purposes. It is used for pathology of the female breast, peripheral vascular disease, musculoskeletal injuries and for detecting cervical lesions. Thermography can include various types of the telethermographic infrared detectors/images or heat sensitive cholesteric liquid crystal systems that are applied to the skin.

III. POLICY

All claims for thermography should be denied on the basis of its status as experimental and/or investigational (unproven).

END OF POLICY