1. **QUESTION:** What is the Intrector® Portable Vitrectomy System?

**ANSWER:** The Intrector System is a portable, single entry, variable speed, guillotine-style vitreous cutting system using manually controlled aspiration and infusion. There are two probes available: the Intrector dual chamber probe and the Retrector™ Retractable Sharp-Tip Vitrectomy Probe. They are inserted transconjunctivally through an oblique 23 gauge sclerotomy into the vitreous. Unlike most other vitrectomy instruments, the Intrector provides the capability for in-office vitrectomy.

2. **QUESTION:** What are the indications for using the Intrector?

**ANSWER:** The Intrector is intended for the removal and substitution of vitreous matter from the vitreous cavity during ophthalmic surgery. Common indications include:

- Vitreous hemorrhage
- Core pars plana vitrectomy (PPV) for diabetic retinopathy, retinal vein occlusion, or other secondary causes of macular edema in concert with drug infusion
- Removal of significant vitreous floaters
- PPV for complications of anterior surgery (shallow chamber or vitreous loss)
- Vitreous biopsy for endophthalmitis and uveitis at the bedside or in the office
- PPV with pneumatic retinopexy

3. **QUESTION:** What are the contraindications for use of the Intrector?

**ANSWER:** Contraindications include:

- Inadequate view through the visual axis
- Procedures requiring physical manipulation of the retina
- Extensive peripheral retinal pathology

4. **QUESTION:** What CPT codes describe procedures using the Intrector?

**ANSWER:** Choice of an appropriate CPT code depends on the procedure and the indication(s). Several possibilities exist:

- 67015 ...“Aspiration or release of vitreous, subretinal or choroidal fluid, pars plana approach (posterior sclerotomy)” for cases involving vitreous chamber tap
- 67025 ...“Injection of vitreous substitute, pars plana or limbal approach (fluid-gas exchange), with or without aspiration (separate procedure)” for cases involving gas-fluid exchange
- 67027 ...“Implantation of intravitreal drug delivery system (e.g., Ganciclovir implant), includes concomitant removal of vitreous” for cases involving PPV with implants such as Ozurdex® (J7312, 0.1 mg – bill 7 units) or Vitrasert® (J7310, 4.5mg)
- 67036 ...“Vitrectomy, mechanical, pars plana approach” for cases involving core PPV
- 67108 ...“Repair of retinal detachment ... with vitrectomy, any method, with or without air or gas tamponade ... and/or removal of lens by same technique” for cases involving PPV with air or gas tamponade

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1 MCPM Chapter 12, §20.4.2