

“ICS Impulse® provides information on peripheral vestibular function that could not previously be obtained”

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“We now get precise side of lesion specific information about anterior and posterior semicircular canal function. The additional anatomical information enables us to provide optimal patient care.”

ICS Impulse® is an important addition to our vestibular test battery. We use this technology weekly in conjunction with VNG, and VEMP testing, and have seen patient cases where ICS Impulse® has made a significant difference. We’ve had normal VNG results and abnormal Impulse results which ultimately sends the patient on to the best course of treatment.

We’ve had patients admitted to the hospital for a working diagnosis of vestibular neuritis. Patients presented with significant disequilibrium, spontaneous nystagmus beating toward the intact ear without associated hearing loss and/or tinnitus. Due to the severity of the spontaneous nystagmus, reliable caloric testing could not be obtained because the phase could not be reversed with change in caloric air temperature.

Without the use of Head Impulse testing, we could not objectively quantify the vestibular lesion. Head Impulse answers important questions and correctly points out the side of lesion. As a result, the entire medical staff is pleased with their working diagnosis.

Medical practitioners are often resistant to embrace new technology because of lack of reimbursement. We are using the recommended CPT code 92700, and we are getting reimbursement from third party payers. We have all patients sign a form stating that insurance will be billed, but in the case that it is not reimbursed, then they agree to pay for this testing out of pocket. Only 1 patient has declined testing out of 100s.”



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