

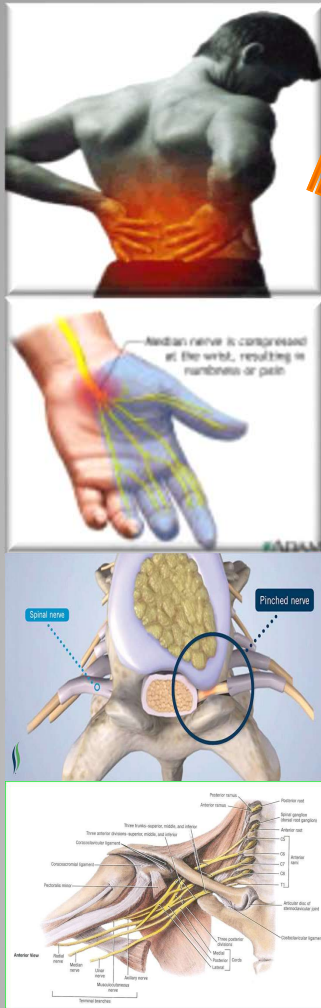
The Value of EMGs and Nerve Conduction Studies

Outpatient Procedure to Explore the Integrity of Nerves and Muscles



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75%



Seventy Five percent of pain and NeuroMuscular Patients are investigated by EMG Nerve Conduction Studies

How Pain is Diagnosed



Low Back Pain

5th most common
reason for all
physician visits

Estimated cost: \$20
billion/year



Carpal tunnel

Major cause of nerve
pain & hand weakness

Estimated cost: \$2
billion/year



Diabetes

Approximately 60% of
diabetics have neuropathy
complications

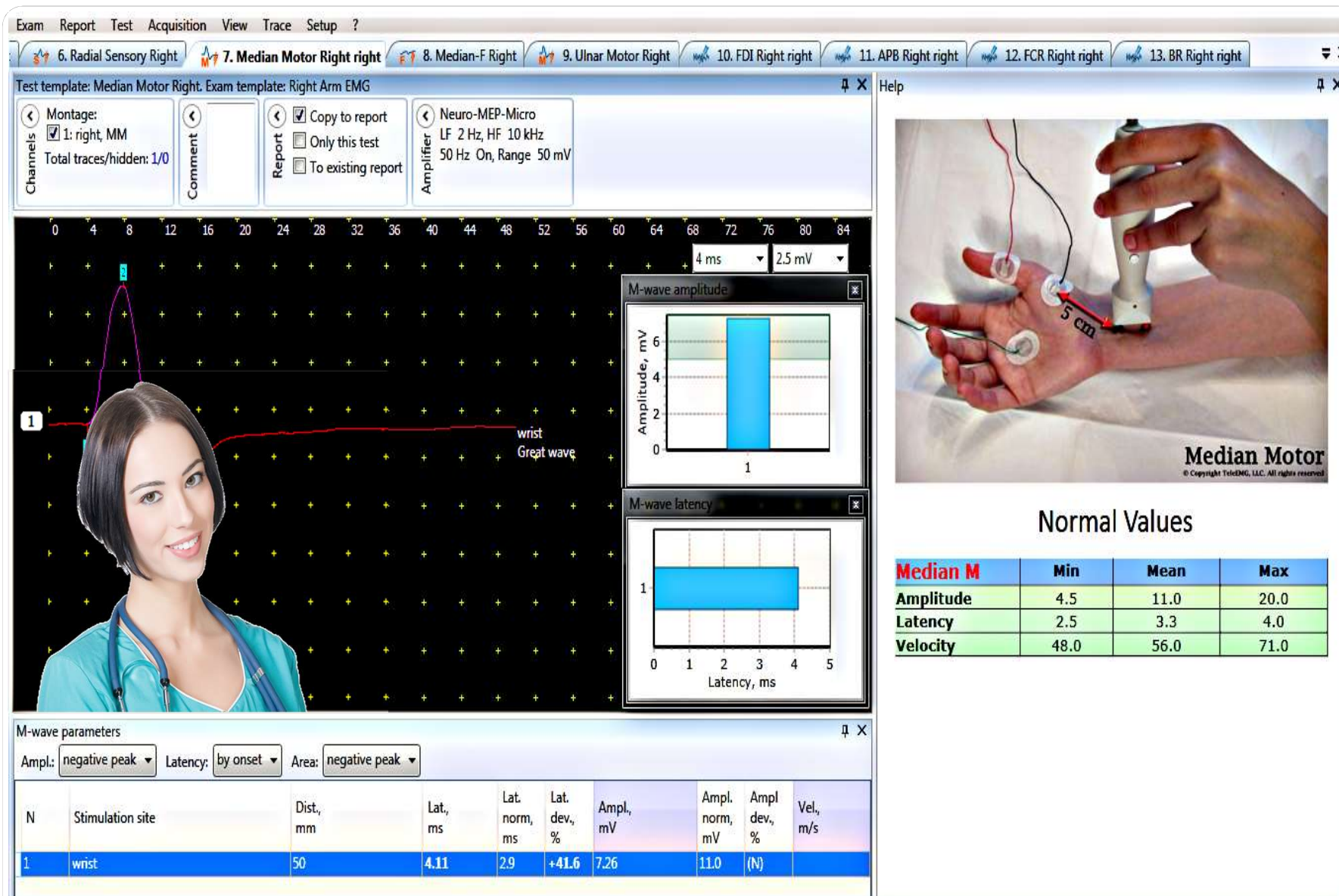
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And How Much Does it Cost?

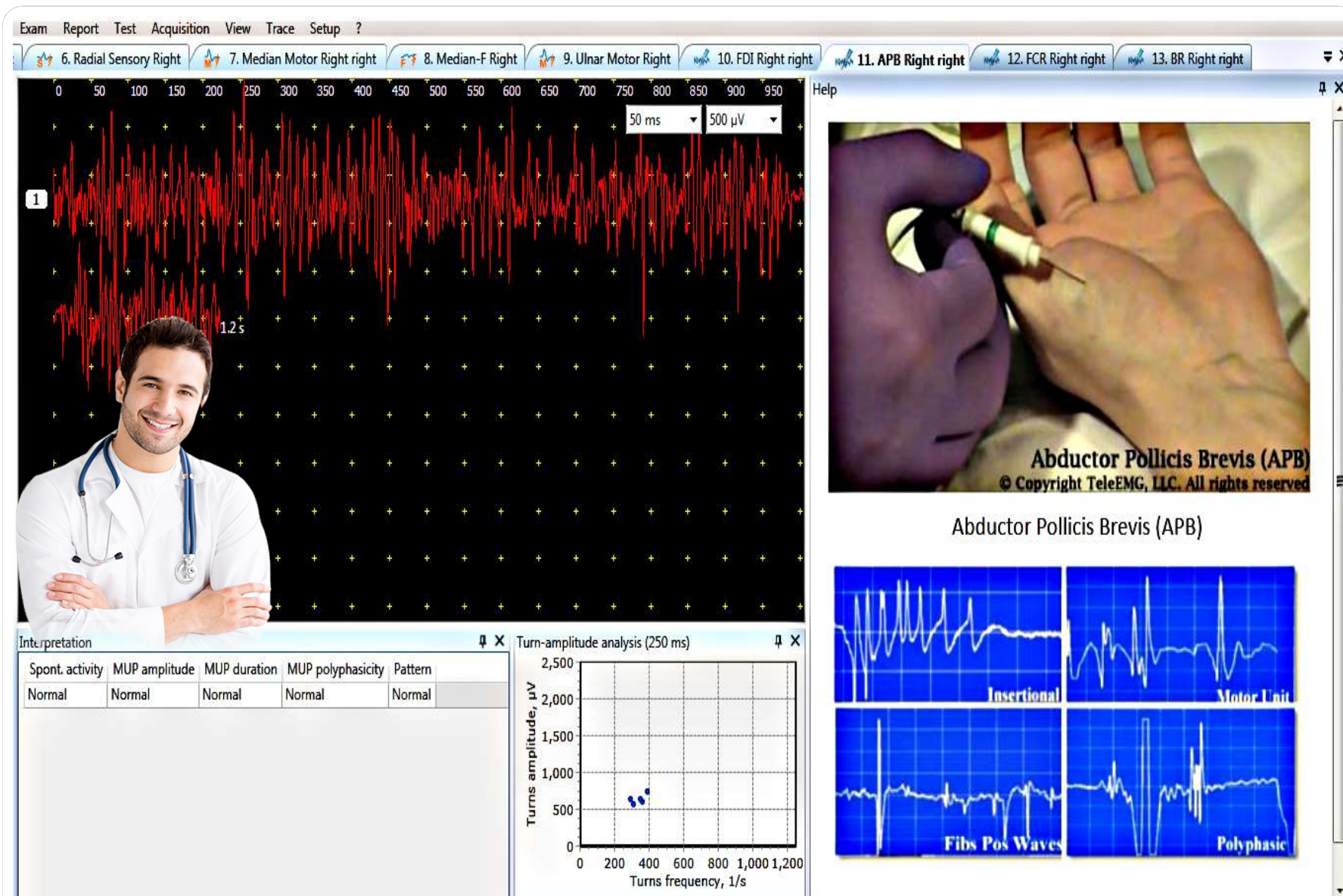
- An Outpatient Procedure that takes about 30' & consists of:
 - A Nerve Conduction Study: Explores Integrity of the Nerves
 - A Needle Exam: Explores Integrity of the Muscles
 - No Fasting or Medication necessary



EMG Test: What is it?



Nerve Conductions: What is it?



Needle Exam: What is it?

- Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) useful in painful small fiber neuropathy and Fibromyalgia: Tech, about 5 minutes



EMG Test: What is it?

- CPT Codes covered by Medicare and Third Party Insurance

Prior to 2012				2013 and after		
Procedure	CPT Code	RVU		Procedure	CPT Code	RVU
Motor	95900	1.86		1-2 studies	95907	2.74
Motor w/ F-w	95903	2.18		3-4 studies	95908	3.38
Sensory	95904	1.64		5-6 studies	95909	4.06
H-Reflex	95934	1.78		7-8 studies	95910	5.34
				9-10 studies	95911	6.46
				11-12 studies	95912	7.57
				13 + studies	95913	8.77

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- **Whether Subsequent Treatment or Surgery was successful**

EMG Test: What Can it Tell You

- Run electrical impulses in Nerve and record how it is transmitted, if it is slowed, where it is slowed and how badly it is slowed
- Studies sensory and motor nerves for arm and leg injuries
- Studies H-Reflex and F-Wave for neck and back injuries and Brachial Plexus lesions (from motorcycle accidents)
- No Fasting or Medication necessary

Nerve Conductions

- Electrodes inserted in arm and leg muscles
- Studies:
 - Contraction
 - Force
 - Damage Location – Spinal Level (L4-5, C6-7 etc.)
 - Loss of Nerve Supply
 - Age of Lesion
 - Whether or Not there is Recovery
 - Success or Failure of Treatment

Needle Exam

Summary page

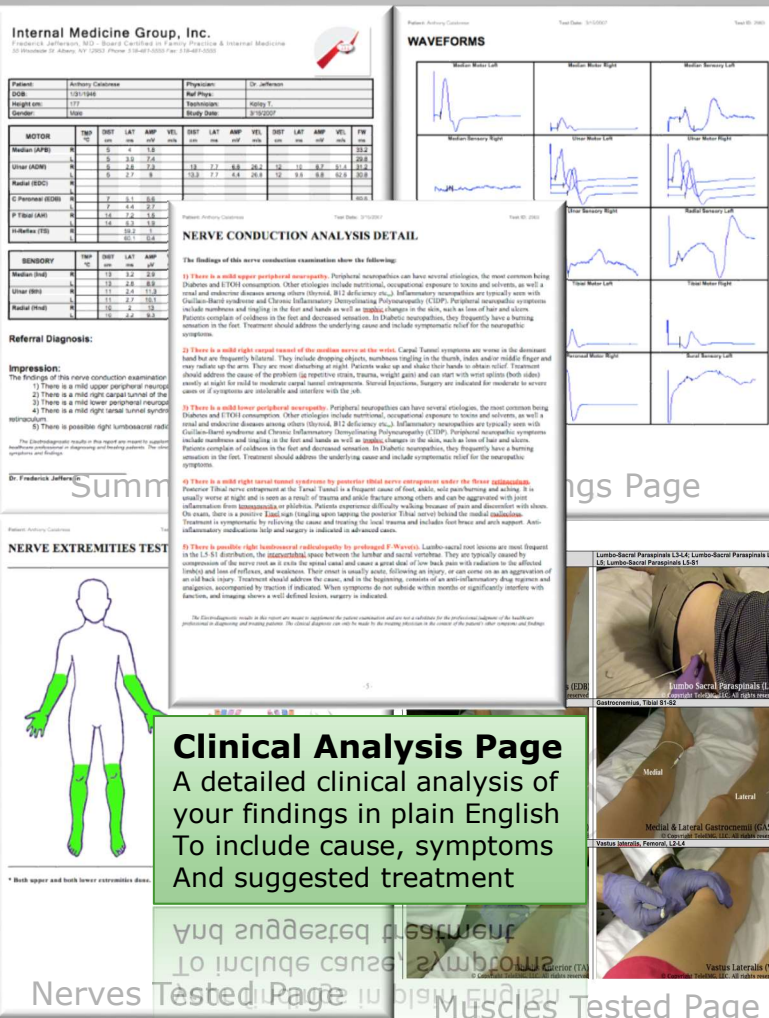
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Clinical Impression detailed findings and to give you patient info

Nerves Tested Page

To give you Color Graph representation of all the Nerves the Doctor tested

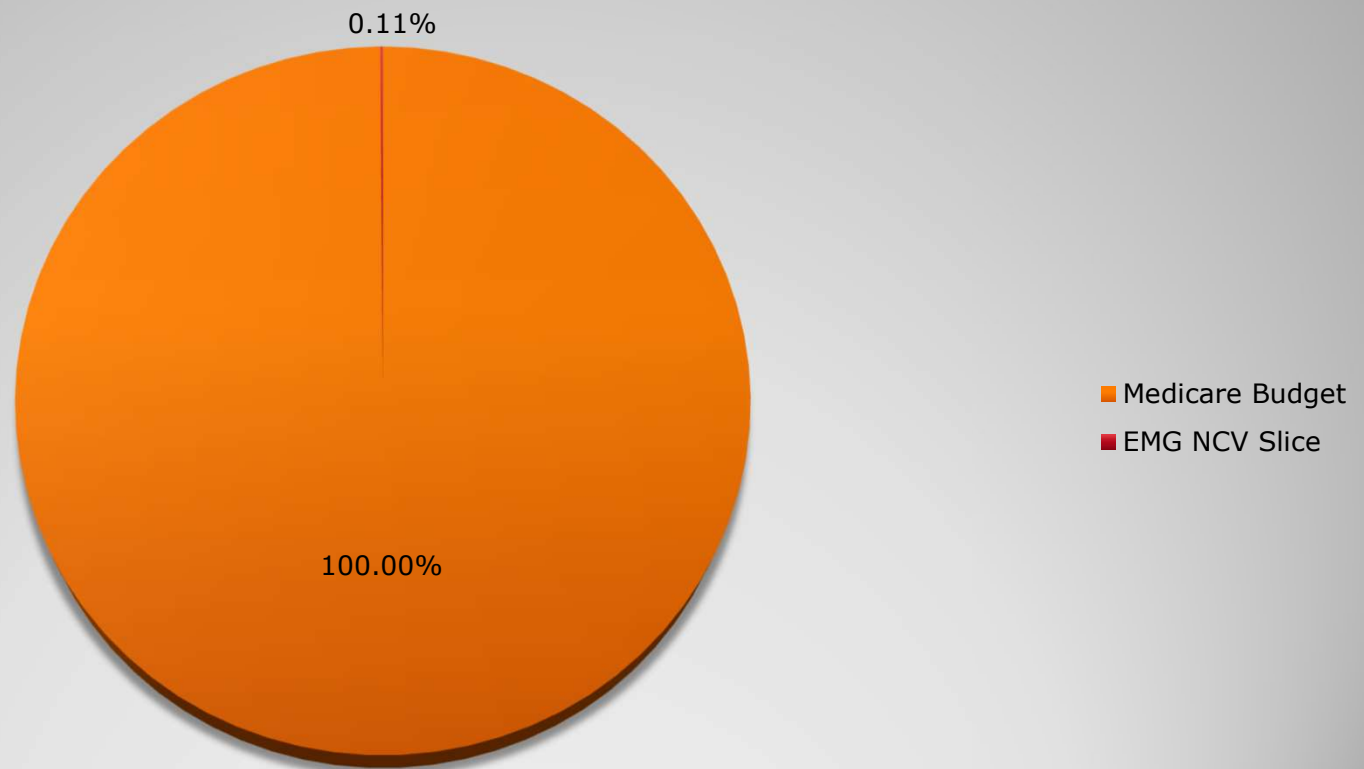
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The EMG Report: If you have to call the Doctor every time to explain it to you, you are wasting valuable time!

EMG NCV % of Medicare Expenditure 2002-2006

(Compared to Overall Medicare Budget)



Healthcare Impact: Very Small Dent

**THANK
YOU**