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Getting Started with Coding Companion

Coding Companion for ENT/Allergy/Pulmonology is designed to be a guide to the specialty procedures classified in the CPT® book. It is structured to help coders understand procedures and translate physician narrative into correct CPT codes by combining many clinical resources into one, easy-to-use source book.

The book also allows coders to validate the intended code selection by providing an easy-to-understand explanation of the procedure and associated conditions or indications for performing the various procedures. As a result, data quality and reimbursement will be improved by providing code-specific clinical information and helpful tips regarding the coding of procedures.

CPT Codes

For ease of use, evaluation and management codes related to ENT/Allergy/Pulmonology are listed first in the *Coding Companion*. All other CPT codes in *Coding Companion* are listed in ascending numeric order. Included in the code set are all surgery, radiology, laboratory, and medicine codes pertinent to the specialty. Each CPT code is followed by its official CPT code description.

Resequencing of CPT Codes

The American Medical Association (AMA) employs a resequenced numbering methodology. According to the AMA, there are instances where a new code is needed within an existing grouping of codes, but an unused code number is not available to keep the range sequential. In the instance where the existing codes were not changed or had only minimal changes, the AMA assigned a code out of numeric sequence with the other related codes being grouped together. The resequenced codes and their descriptions have been placed with their related codes, out of numeric sequence.

CPT codes within the Optum360 *Coding Companion* series display in their resequenced order. Resequenced codes are enclosed in brackets for easy identification.

ICD-10-CM

Overall, the 10th revision goes into greater clinical detail than did ICD-9-CM and addresses information about previously classified diseases, as well as those diseases discovered since the last revision. Conditions are grouped with general epidemiological purposes and the evaluation of health care in mind. New features have been added, and conditions have been reorganized, although the format and conventions of the classification remain unchanged for the most part.

Detailed Code Information

One or more columns are dedicated to each procedure or service or to a series of similar procedures/services. Following the specific CPT code and its narrative, is a combination of features. A sample is shown on page ii. The black boxes with numbers in them correspond to the information on the pages following the sample.

Appendix Codes and Descriptions

Some CPT codes are presented in a less comprehensive format in the appendix. The CPT codes appropriate to the specialty are included in the appendix with the official CPT code description. The codes are presented in numeric order, and each code is followed by an easy-to-understand lay description of the procedure.

The codes in the appendix are presented in the following order:

- HCPCS
- Pathology and Laboratory
- Surgery
- Medicine Services
- Radiology
- Category III

Category II codes are not published in this book. Refer to the CPT book for code descriptions.

CCI Edit Updates

The *Coding Companion* series includes the list of codes from the official Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' National Correct Coding Policy Manual for Part B Medicare Contractors that are considered to be an integral part of the comprehensive code or mutually exclusive of it and should not be reported separately. The codes in the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) section are from the most current version available at press time. The CCI edits are located in a section at the back of the book. Optum360 maintains a website to accompany the Coding Companions series and posts updated CCI edits on this website so that current information is available before the next edition. The website address is <http://www.optum360coding.com/ProductUpdates/>. The 2021 edition password is: XXXXXXXXXX. Log in each quarter to ensure you receive the most current updates. An email reminder will also be sent to you to let you know when the updates are available.

Index

A comprehensive index is provided for easy access to the codes. The index entries have several axes. A code can be looked up by its procedural name or by the diagnoses commonly associated with it. Codes are also indexed anatomically. For example:

69501 Transmastoid antrotomy (simple mastoidectomy)
could be found in the index under the following main terms:

Antrotomy

Transmastoid, 69501

OR

Excision

Mastoid

Simple, 69501

General Guidelines

Providers

The AMA advises coders that while a particular service or procedure may be assigned to a specific section, it is not limited to use only by that specialty group (see paragraphs two and three under "Instructions for Use of the CPT Codebook" on page xiii of the CPT Book). Additionally, the procedures and services listed throughout the book are for use by any qualified physician or other qualified health care professional or entity (e.g., hospitals, laboratories, or home health agencies). Keep in mind that there may be other policies or guidance that can affect who may report a specific service.

Supplies

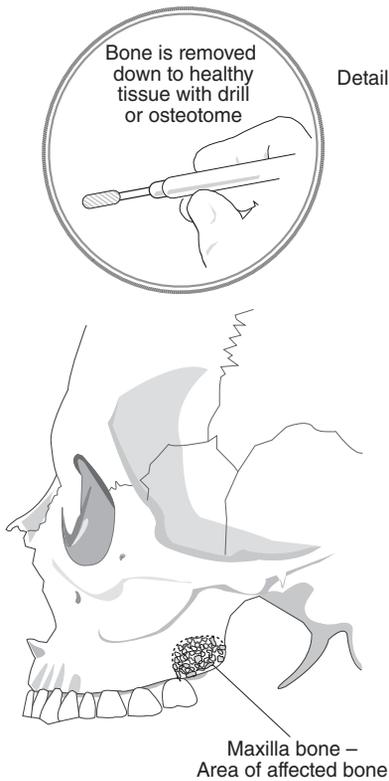
Some payers may allow physicians to separately report drugs and other supplies when reporting the place of service as office or other nonfacility setting. Drugs and supplies are to be reported by the facility only when performed in a facility setting.

Professional and Technical Component

Radiology and some pathology codes often have a technical and a professional component. When physicians do not own their own equipment and send their patients to outside testing facilities, they should append modifier 26 to the procedural code to indicate they performed only the professional component.

21026

21026 Excision of bone (eg, for osteomyelitis or bone abscess); facial bone(s)



Explanation

The physician removes dead or infected bone from facial bones. A transoral incision in the maxillary buccal vestibule is the most frequent approach. Facial incisions would only be used for large lesions or for additional surgical access. The physician reflects the overlying mucosa, exposing the dead bone. Drills, saws, and osteotomes are used to remove the bone. The transoral incisions are closed in a single layer. Any cutaneous incision is closed in layers.

Coding Tips

When 21026 is performed with another separately identifiable procedure, the highest dollar value code is listed as the primary procedure and subsequent procedures are appended with modifier 51. If significant additional time and effort is documented, append modifier 22 and submit a cover letter and operative report. An excisional biopsy is not reported separately when a therapeutic excision is performed during the same surgical session.

ICD-10-CM Diagnostic Codes

- M27.2 Inflammatory conditions of jaws
- M27.49 Other cysts of jaw
- M27.8 Other specified diseases of jaws
- S01.21XA Laceration without foreign body of nose, initial encounter
- S01.22XA Laceration with foreign body of nose, initial encounter
- S01.23XA Puncture wound without foreign body of nose, initial encounter
- S01.24XA Puncture wound with foreign body of nose, initial encounter
- S01.25XA Open bite of nose, initial encounter
- S01.411A Laceration without foreign body of right cheek and temporomandibular area, initial encounter

- S01.412A Laceration without foreign body of left cheek and temporomandibular area, initial encounter
- S01.421A Laceration with foreign body of right cheek and temporomandibular area, initial encounter
- S01.422A Laceration with foreign body of left cheek and temporomandibular area, initial encounter
- S01.431A Puncture wound without foreign body of right cheek and temporomandibular area, initial encounter
- S01.432A Puncture wound without foreign body of left cheek and temporomandibular area, initial encounter
- S01.441A Puncture wound with foreign body of right cheek and temporomandibular area, initial encounter
- S01.442A Puncture wound with foreign body of left cheek and temporomandibular area, initial encounter
- S01.451A Open bite of right cheek and temporomandibular area, initial encounter
- S01.452A Open bite of left cheek and temporomandibular area, initial encounter
- S07.0XXA Crushing injury of face, initial encounter

AMA: 21026 2018, Sep, 7

Relative Value Units/Medicare Edits

Non-Facility RVU	Work	PE	MP	Total
21026	5.7	10.37	0.95	17.02
Facility RVU	Work	PE	MP	Total
21026	5.7	7.19	0.95	13.84

	FUD	Status	MUE	Modifiers			IOM Reference	
21026	90	A	2(3)	51	N/A	N/A	N/A	None

* with documentation

Terms To Know

buccal vestibule. Space in the mouth between the cheek and the teeth and gums.

ostectomy. Excision of bone.

osteomyelitis. Inflammation of bone that may remain localized or spread to the marrow, cortex, or periosteum, in response to an infecting organism, usually bacterial and pyogenic.

osteotome. Tool used for cutting bone.

petrositis. Inflammation occurring in the petrous portion of the lateral region (temporal bone) of the skull.

96365-96368

- 96365** Intravenous infusion, for therapy, prophylaxis, or diagnosis (specify substance or drug); initial, up to 1 hour
- + **96366** each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
- + **96367** additional sequential infusion of a new drug/substance, up to 1 hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
- + **96368** concurrent infusion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Explanation

A physician or an assistant under direct physician supervision injects or infuses a therapeutic, prophylactic (preventive), or diagnostic medication other than chemotherapy or other highly complex drugs or biologic agents via intravenous route. Infusions are administered through an intravenous catheter inserted by needle into a patient's vein or by injection or infusion through an existing indwelling intravascular access catheter or port. Report 96365 for the initial hour and 96366 for each additional hour. Report 96367 for each additional sequential infusion of a different substance or drug, up to one hour, and 96368 for each concurrent infusion of substances other than chemotherapy or other highly complex drugs or biologic agents.

Relative Value Units/Medicare Edits

Non-Facility RVU	Work	PE	MP	Total
96365	0.21	1.77	0.04	2.02
96366	0.18	0.42	0.01	0.61
96367	0.19	0.67	0.02	0.88
96368	0.17	0.41	0.01	0.59
Facility RVU	Work	PE	MP	Total
96365	0.21	1.77	0.04	2.02
96366	0.18	0.42	0.01	0.61
96367	0.19	0.67	0.02	0.88
96368	0.17	0.41	0.01	0.59

96369-96371

- 96369** Subcutaneous infusion for therapy or prophylaxis (specify substance or drug); initial, up to 1 hour, including pump set-up and establishment of subcutaneous infusion site(s)
- + **96370** each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
- + **96371** additional pump set-up with establishment of new subcutaneous infusion site(s) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Explanation

A physician or an assistant under direct physician supervision infuses a therapeutic or prophylactic (preventive) medication other than chemotherapy or other highly complex drug or biologic agent via a subcutaneous route. Indications for subcutaneous infusion may include coma, dysphagia, nausea/vomiting, intestinal obstruction, malabsorption, or extreme weakness. Infusions are administered through a needle inserted beneath the skin; common infusion sites include the upper arm, shoulder, abdomen, and thigh. Report 96369 for infusions lasting longer than 15 minutes and up to one hour. This code includes pump set-up and the establishment of subcutaneous infusion sites. Report 96370 for each additional hour and 96371 for an additional pump set-up with the establishment of new subcutaneous infusion sites. Codes 96369 and 96371 should be reported only once per encounter.

Relative Value Units/Medicare Edits

Non-Facility RVU	Work	PE	MP	Total
96369	0.21	4.46	0.02	4.69
96370	0.18	0.25	0.01	0.44
96371	0.0	1.84	0.0	1.84
Facility RVU	Work	PE	MP	Total
96369	0.21	4.46	0.02	4.69
96370	0.18	0.25	0.01	0.44
96371	0.0	1.84	0.0	1.84

96372-96376

- 96372** Therapeutic, prophylactic, or diagnostic injection (specify substance or drug); subcutaneous or intramuscular
- 96373** intra-arterial
- 96374** intravenous push, single or initial substance/drug
- + **96375** each additional sequential intravenous push of a new substance/drug (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
- + **96376** each additional sequential intravenous push of the same substance/drug provided in a facility (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Explanation

The physician or an assistant under direct physician supervision administers a therapeutic, prophylactic, or diagnostic substance by subcutaneous or intramuscular injection (96372), intra-arterial injection (96373), or by push into an intravenous catheter or intravascular access device (96374 for a single or initial substance, 96375 for each additional sequential IV push of a new substance, and 96376 for each additional sequential IV push of the same substance after 30 minutes have elapsed). The push technique involves an infusion of less than 15 minutes. Code 96376 may be reported only by facilities.

Relative Value Units/Medicare Edits

Non-Facility RVU	Work	PE	MP	Total
96372	0.17	0.29	0.01	0.47
96373	0.17	0.35	0.01	0.53
96374	0.18	0.9	0.02	1.1
96375	0.1	0.36	0.01	0.47
96376	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Facility RVU	Work	PE	MP	Total
96372	0.17	0.29	0.01	0.47
96373	0.17	0.35	0.01	0.53
96374	0.18	0.9	0.02	1.1
96375	0.1	0.36	0.01	0.47
96376	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

97802-97804

- 97802** Medical nutrition therapy; initial assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes
- 97803** re-assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes
- 97804** group (2 or more individual(s)), each 30 minutes

Explanation

A dietetic professional provides medical nutrition therapy assessment or re-assessment and intervention in a face-to-face or group patient setting. After nutritional screening identifies patients at risk, preventive or therapeutic dietary

Correct Coding Initiative Update

◆Indicates Mutually Exclusive Edit

- 0208T** 36591-36592, 69209-69210, 96523
- 0209T** 0208T, 0211T, 36591-36592, 69209-69210, 92552, 96523
- 0210T** 36591-36592, 69209-69210, 96523
- 0211T** 0210T, 36591-36592, 69209-69210, 96523
- 0212T** 0208T-0211T, 36591-36592, 69209-69210, 92555-92556, 96523
- 0485T** 36591-36592, 69209-69210, 92567-92568, 96523
- 0486T** 0485T, 36591-36592, 69209-69210, 92567-92568, 96523
- 0559T** No CCI edits apply to this code.
- 0560T** No CCI edits apply to this code.
- 0561T** No CCI edits apply to this code.
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- 10004** 0213T, 0216T, 10012, 10035, 19281, 19283, 19285, 19287, 36000, 36410, 36591-36592, 61650, 62324-62327, 64415-64417, 64450, 64486-64490, 64493, 76000, 76380*, 76942, 76970, 76998, 77001-77002, 77012, 77021, 96360, 96365, 96372, 96374-96377, 96523, J2001
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