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ICD-10-PCS Coding Tip

Root Operation: **Excision**

In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding and Medical Billing Professionals with ICD-10, the following training tip is provided with an educational intent.

With PCS coding, the third character defines the root operation, or the objective of the procedure. A complete list of root operations and their definitions can be found in Appendix A of the PCS Reference Manual.

Definition of Excision: Cutting out or off, without replacement, a portion of a body part.

Explanation: The root operation EXCISION represents removal of only a portion of a body part such as a partial nephrectomy or breast lumpectomy. EXCISION is also used to describe excision procedures that are biopsies. Diagnostic excisions (biopsies) are identified through the assignment of an "X" qualifier. Do NOT use EXCISION if all of a body part or anatomical subdivision is cut out or off, such as lobes of the lungs or liver.

Examples

Partial Mastectomy, Right Breast, Open Approach	0HBT0ZZ
Excision of Right Maxillary Sinus, Percutaneous Endoscopic Approach	09BQ4ZZ

References: 2014 ICD-10-PCS Reference Manual ***http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2014-ICD-10-PCS.html***

Coding Clinic is the official resource and authority for ICD-10 coding rules and conventions.

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