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 Resection:** Cutting out or off, without replacement, all of the body part.

**Explanation:** The surgical root operation RESECTION represents removal of all of the body part such as total nephrectomy or total mastectomy. Resection is similar to Excision except Resection includes all of a body part, or any subdivision of a body part that has its own body part value in ICD-10-PCS, while Excision includes only a portion of a body part.

**Examples:**

Open Resection of Descending Colon 0DTM0ZZ
Right Total Mastectomy, Open 0HTT0ZZ


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