

Root Operation: Dilation

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

The third character in PCS defines the root operation, or the overall objective of the procedure. The root operation of 'Dilation' represents the third character value '7' for codes in both the Medical Surgical Section.

Definition of Dilation: Expanding an orifice or lumen of a tubular body part.

Explanation: Dilation is done to expand, widen, or enlarge, the diameter of the orifice or lumen of a tubular body part. A tubular body part is defined in ICD-10-PCS as the hollow body parts that provide a route of passage for solids, liquids, or gases. The Orifice may be a natural orifice or an artificially created orifice.

Examples:

02703ZZ	PTCA of a single coronary artery: Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty via balloon dilation of a single coronary artery. A narrow coronary artery is expanded to improve circulation
0D758ZZ	Endoscopic dilation of esophageal stricture: The tubular esophagus is widened to relieve a stricture

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