



ICD-10-PCS Coding Tip

Root Operation: Division

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 Division: Cutting into a body part without draining fluids and/or gases from the body part in order to separate or transect a body part.

Explanation: The division root operation is coded when the objective is to cut into, transect, or otherwise separate all or a portion of a body part. When the objective is to cut or separate the area around a body part, the attachments of a body part or between subdivisions of a body part that are causing abnormal constraints, then release is the correct root operation.

Example: EGD with sphincterotomy of pylorus D878ZZ

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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