

# Certified Professional Coder (CPC)

1. The documentation states:

He was then sterilely prepped and draped along the flank and abdomen in the usual sterile fashion. I first made a skin incision off the tip of the twelfth rib, extending medially along the banger's lines of the skin. This was approximately 3.5 cm in length. Once this incision was carried sharply, electrocautery was used to gain access through the external oblique, internal oblique, and transverse abdominis musculature and fascia.

What surgical approach was used for this procedure?

A. Percutaneous

B. Laparoscopic

C. Cannot determine based on the documentation

D. Open

**Answer(s): D**

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2. The mediastinum is:

A. A location in the chest, bounded by the sternum, diaphragm, and lungs

B. A small endocrine organ behind the heart

C. A part of the lymphatic system

D. Both the heart and lungs

**Answer(s): A**

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3. Patient is diagnosed with dacryocystitis, which is the inflammation of?

A. Cornea

B. Fingernail

C. Eardrum

D. Lacrimal sac

**Answer(s): D**

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4. In rhinoplasty:

A. The nose is reconstructed

B. The brow is reconstructed

C. The lips are reconstructed

D. The chin is reconstructed

**Answer(s): A**

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5. Where is a Warthin's tumor found?

A. Ovary

B. Bone

C. Salivary gland

D. Back of eye

**Answer(s): C**

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6. When a patient has ESRD, which system is affected?

A. Cardiovascular

B. Neurologic

C. Respiratory

D. Genitourinary

**Answer(s): D**

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7. The human shoulder is made of which three bones?

A. Olecranon, radius, ulna

B. Carpal, radius, humerus

C. Metatarsal, tibia, navicular

D. Clavicle, scapula, humerus

**Answer(s): D**

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8. The outermost protective layer of skin is called the:

A. Epidermis

B. Hypodermis

C. Subcutaneous tissue

D. Dermis

**Answer(s): A**

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9. Which one of the following is a commercial or private payer?

A. Blue Cross Blue Shield

B. Medicare

C. Medicaid

D. Veterans Health Administration (VHA)

**Answer(s): A**

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**10.** Which place of service code is submitted on the claim for a service that is performed in an outpatient surgical floor?

A. 11

B. 21

C. 22

D. 24

**Answer(s): C**

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**11.** Which entity offers compliance program guidance to form the basis of a voluntary compliance program for a provider practice?

A. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

B. American Medical Association (AMA)

C. Office of Inspector General (OIG)

D. Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

**Answer(s): C**

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**12.** A cardiologist attempted to perform a percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty of a totally occluded blood vessel. The surgeon stopped the procedure because of an anatomical problem creating risk for the patient and preventing performance of the catheterization. What modifier is appended to the procedure code?

A. 52

B. 53

C. 54

D. 76

**Answer(s): B**

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**13.** According to the Repair (Closure) CPT® guidelines, what type of repair is reported when a single layer closure includes copious irrigation and extensive cleaning to remove particulate matter?

A. Simple repair

B. Complex repair

C. Intermediate repair

D. Simple repair plus a code for irrigation

**Answer(s): C**

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**14.** The CPT® code book provides full descriptions of medical procedures, although some descriptions require the use of a semicolon (;) to distinguish among closely related procedures. What is the full description of CPT® code 69644?

A. Tympanoplasty with mastoidectomy (including canalplasty, middle ear surgery, tympanic membrane repair); with intact or reconstructed canal wall, with ossicular chain reconstruction

B. Without ossicular chain reconstruction with intact or reconstructed canal wall, with ossicular chain reconstruction

C. With intact or reconstructed canal wall with ossicular chain reconstruction

D. Tympanoplasty with mastoidectomy (including canalplasty, middle ear surgery, tympanic membrane repair); without ossicular chain reconstruction with intact or reconstructed canal wall, with ossicular chain reconstruction

**Answer(s):** A

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**15.** Which statement regarding lesion excision is TRUE?

A. Lesion excision codes include removal of a lesion, with margins, and simple (nonlayered) closure when performed

B. Lesion excision codes are selected by measuring the greatest clinical diameter of a lesion excluding the margins required to complete the excision

C. Lesion excision codes include removal of a lesion, with margins, and intermediate closure when performed

D. Lesion excision codes include removal of a lesion with margins, and complex closure when performed

**Answer(s):** A

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**16.** Which one of the following is an example of a case in which a diabetes-related problem exists and the code for diabetes is never sequenced first?

A. If the patient has hyperglycemia that is not responding to medication

B. If the patient has an underdose of insulin due to an insulin pump malfunction

C. If the patient is being treated for secondary diabetes

D. If the patient is being treated for type 2 diabetes

**Answer(s): B**

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**17.** A patient suffering from idiopathic dystonia is seen today and receives the following Botulinum injections: three muscle injections in both upper extremities and seven injections in six paraspinal muscles.

How are these injections reported according to the CPT® guidelines?

A. 64644, 64647 x 7

B. 64642-50, 64643-50, 64647

C. 64642, 64643, 64647

D. 64642 x 3, 64642 x 3, 64647 x 7

**Answer(s): C**

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**18.** According to the Application of Cast and Strapping CPT® guidelines, what is reported when an orthopedic provider performs initial fracture care treatment for a closed scaphoid fracture of the wrist, applies a short arm cast, and the patient will be returning for subsequent fracture care?

A. 25622

B. 29075

C. 25622, 29075

D. 29075-22

**Answer(s): B**

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**19.** A patient is diagnosed with diabetic polyneuropathy.

Using ICD-10-CM coding guidelines, what ICD-10-CM coding is reported?

A. E10.42

B. E11.9, G62.9

C. E10.9, G62.9

D. E11.42

**Answer(s): D**

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**20.** An elderly patient comes into the emergency department (ED) with shortness of breath. An ECG is performed. The final diagnosis at discharge is impending myocardial infarction. According to ICD-10-CM guidelines, how is this reported?

A. I20.0

B. R06.02

C. I20.0, R06.02

D. I21.3, R06.02

**Answer(s): B**

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