ICD-10 UPDATE

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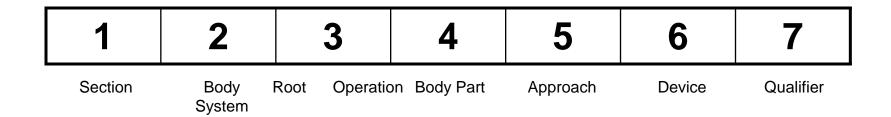American Health Information
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Coding Categories (continued)

- Code examples
  - Procedure Codes Code Structure
    - Each character in the procedure code has a specific meaning (example of medical-surgical code structure)
      - Character 1 - Section
      - Character 2 - Body System
      - Character 3 - Root Operation
      - Character 4 - Body Part
      - Character 5 - Approach
      - Character 6 - Device
      - Character 7 - Qualifier
    - Code Example - 0X6K0Z8 - Fifth ray carpometacarpal joint amputation, left hand

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section	Body System	Root	Operation	Body Part	Approach	Device	Qualifier

ICD-10-PCS STRUCTURE

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System Structure 16 Sections

- Medical and Surgical
- Obstetrics
- Placement
- Administration
- Measurement and Monitoring
- Extracorporeal Assistance and Performance
- Extracorporeal Therapies
- Osteopathic

- Other Procedures
- Chiropractic
- Imaging
- Nuclear Medicine
- Radiation Oncology
- Physical Rehabilitation and Diagnostic Audiology
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse Treatment

First Character Value-Section

This character refers to section of which there are 16

- ☐ 0 value is the medical surgical section
- ☐ 1 value is ob
- ☐ 2 placement
- ☐ 3 administration
- ☐ Etc…..

- ☐ 0 for med surg is the largest section (this is your first character)

Second Character Value-body system

☐ The **second** character defines the **body system,** general physiologic system or anatomic region. Some are numerical and some are alphabetic **(31 body systems in the med surg section)** examples:

☐ **0**   central nervous system

☐ **1**   peripheral nervous system

☐ **2**   heart and great vessels

☐ **3**   Upper arteries

☐ **H**   skin and breast including skin and breas glands and ducts

☐ Etc…..

Third Character Value-Root Operation

- The **third** character value is the **Root operation 31 root operations**
- **Examples:**
  - **1** Bypass
  - **7** Drainage
  - **B** Excision
  - **T** Resection
  - Example: **Excision(B)** is referring to cutting out or off a portion of the body without replacement whereas **Resection(T)** is referring to cutting out or off all of a body part.

Root operations (full list)

Medical and Surgical Section		
Root Operations		Supplement
Alteration	Excision	Release
Bypass	Extirpation	Removal
Change	Extraction	Repair
Control	Fragmentation	Replacement
Creation	Fusion	Reposition
Destruction	Insertion	Resection
Detachment	Inspection	Restriction
Dilation	Map	Revision
Division	Occlusion	Transfer
Drainage	Reattachment	Transplantation

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Fourth Character-body part

☐ **The fourth** value is the **body part or specific anatomical** site where the procedure was performed. There are 34 body part values in each body system of these values

- You will locate the table to assign the rest of the code #
- THIS IS JUST A PIECE OF THE TABLE

H: Skin and Breast

Operation(3rd character)	Body Part(4th character)	Approach(5th character)	Device(6th character)	Qualifier(7th character)
0 alteration	0 scalp	0 open	0 drainage device	3 full thickness
2 change	B skin,Rt up arm	3 percutaneous	N tissue expander	4 partial thickness
B excision	C skin lt up arm	7 via natural/artif opening	Y other device	X diagnostic
T resection	D skin rt lower arm	X External	X no device	Z no qualifier

Let's code…

- **For example: (using what you have learned thusfar)**

    - **Excision of malignant melanoma from the skin of the left upper arm**
    - **Thus far what would our code #'s be?**

    - ____ _____ _____ _____

Fifth character-Approach or technique

- **The fifth character value is the approach or technique used to reach the procedure site.**
- *7   approaches (these have definitions not fully explained here)*
  - **0   open (cutting through layers and other body parts)**
  - **3   percutaneous**
  - **4   percutaneous endoscopic**
  - **7   via natural or artificial opening**
  - **8   "   "   using endoscope**
  - **F   "   "   "   percutaneous endoscope**
  - **X   External (performed directly on the skin or mucousmembranes)**

Sixth character-Device

- **The sixth character is your device character**

- **Using your abbreviated table, what is our device code?**

Seventh character-qualifier

☐ **The seventh character is your qualifier.**

☐ **These qualifiers provide additional information about a specific attribute of the procedure**

☐ **What is our qualifier character for our example?**

Your newly built code

- **0HBCXZZ**

- 0 for medical surgery
- H for skin
- B for excision
- C left upper arm
- X External
- Z no device
- Z no qualifier