

February 2013 CPT® Assistant Reveals Missed Catheterization Coding Opportunities

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The CPT® trend of lumping multiple services into a single code has left many questioning whether transcatheter service claims contain too many or too few codes. Help is at hand in the just-released February 2013 CPT® Assistant. You'll get authoritative guidance on coding catheterization in addition to thrombolysis, feel more secure choosing between primary and secondary mechanical thrombectomy codes, and benefit from coding tips for vena cava filter services, intravascular foreign body retrieval, and carotid stent placement, too.

To learn more, use SuperCoder.com's Code Connect to hook up with valuable articles from AMA's CPT® Assistant. Search for a code or keyword (available May 2013) indicated below to review the February 2013 articles:

- Arthroplasty revision: 23331, 23332, 23473, 23474, 24160, 24363, 24370, 24371
- Category III code changes: 30999, 33999, 43659, 43999, 48999, 0141T-0143T, 0155T-0158T, 0166T-0168T
- Medicare physician payment 2013 update
- Polysomnography 2013 update: 95782, 95783, 95800, 95801, 95805-95811
- Transcatheter cardiovascular procedures: 36870, 37184-37188, 37191-37193, 37197, 37201, 37203, 37209, 37211-37216, 71023, 71034, 75961, 76000, 76001, 96374, 96375, 99143-99150.

On top of that, the February CPT® Assistant adds FAQs covering a wide range of topics. Search a code or keyword (available soon) below for insights into the listed areas:

- Angiography of aorta, aortic arch: 36200, 36221, 75625, 75650
- Angiography of carotid artery: 36222-36224, 36227, 36228, 75774
- Esophagoscopy brushing: 43200
- External ECG recording (Holter monitor): 0295T-0298T
- Eyelid biopsy: 11100, 11101, 11310-11313, 67810
- Neurology, shared physician services: 95938, 95941, 99291, 99292
- PET, PET/CT: 78812-78816
- Wound surgical preparation: 11042-11046, 15002-15005.