

Jan. 2016 CPT® Assistant: A Treasure Trove of Updates on the Genitourinary System Code Set

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The January 2016 issue of CPT® Assistant provides insights into this year's genitourinary catheter procedure code changes, including the ureter surgery subsection. You'll get knowledge of appropriate coding of procedures like non-endoscopic endoluminal biopsy of the ureter and/or renal pelvis, percutaneous placement of a ureteral stent, ureteral embolization or occlusion, and balloon dilatation of ureteral stricture. The issue features guidelines and provides practical clinical examples that assist you to appropriately report these newly updated codes.

Plus, reviewing the latest issue also updates you on how to appropriately report removal of impacted cerumen and on reporting paravertebral block codes. Take advantage of SuperCoder.com's Code Connect code and keyword search to keep your skills up to date on these topics:

- Genitourinary Ureteral Procedures: 50382-50389, 50430-50435, 50553, 50555, 50572, 50574, 50606, 50684-50695, 50705-50706, 50942, 50953, 50955, 50974, 51610, 52341, 52344, 52345, 74425, 74485
- Impacted Cerumen Removal: 69209-69210, 99201-99205, 99211-99215, 99217- 99226, 99231-99233, 99241-99245, 99251- 99255, 99281-99285, 99304-99310, 99315-99316, 99318, 99324-99328, 99334- 99337, 99341-99345, 99347- 99350
- Paravertebral Block Codes: 62310, 62318, 64420-64421, 64461-64463, 64479-64480, 64483-64484, 64490-64492, 70002-70003, 76942.

For answers to how to handle specific scenarios, turn to the FAQ section. Real-world solutions are available by searching for these codes and keywords on Code Connect:

- Cytopathology, Fine Needle Aspirate: 88172, 88177
- Digestive System Surgery: 43237, 43259
- Electrode Array Placement, Epidural: 63650, 76000, 77003
- Musculoskeletal System Surgery: 27095, 27275, 29875, 29881.