

Safeguard Against NCS Unit Blunders With Tips from March 2013 CPT® Assistant

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Nerve conduction study (NCS) coding saw a major overhaul for 2013, requiring you to swap counting nerves for counting tests. To ensure your choice of units doesn't run afoul of the new rules, check out the just released March 2013 CPT® Assistant. You'll get the nuts and bolts of the procedures 95907-95913 describe, as well as clarification of what counts as a single study. And don't miss the six different coding scenarios that help you see the rules in action.

To locate the CPT® Assistant articles you need, count on SuperCoder.com's **Code Connect**. A simple search of a keyword or code listed below will link you to the latest guidance on NCS and more:

- Cardiac assist 2013 update: 33967, 33970, 33973, 33975-33980, 33990-33993, 33999, 34812, 35226, 35286, 36822, 76000, 76001, 0048T, 0050T
- Nerve conduction studies: 95860-95864, 95867-95870, 95885-95887, 95900-95904, 95905, 95907-95913, 95937
- Ophthalmology 2013 update: 65800, 65805, 66982-66984, 67810, 92015, 92132, 92286, 92287, 92340-92342, 92352-92355, 92358, 92370, 92371, 99174
- Shoulder revision: 23331, 23332, 23472-23474
- Trachea and bronchi 2013 update: 31622-31661, 0250T-0252T, 0276T, 0277T.

For even more coding know-how, search a keyword or code below for concise guidance from the March CPT® Assistant FAQs:

- Add-on codes: no code
- Anesthesia, preoperative chart review: no code
- Breast reconstruction: 19364, 21600
- C-section delivery, triplets: 59510-59515
- E/M, family encounter: 99211-99215
- Esophagus repair, Zenker's diverticulum: 43499
- Fracture treatment, pronator rotation flap: 15736, 25609
- Hysterectomy with cystoscopy: 52000.