

CPT® 2013 News: Discover Documentation Hot Spots for Updated Chest Tube Codes

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Technique, technique, technique! The just-published November 2012 CPT® Assistant highlights procedural technique as your key to interpreting 2013's thoracentesis and codes. This issue's collection of clinical examples will help you cut through the confusion so you can capture the correct code for your chest case.

You can pinpoint the official guidance you need from AMA's CPT® Assistant with a quick search on SuperCoder.com's **Code Connect**

. Find the articles in the most recent issue by keying in the codes below:

- Bronchospasm provocation and spirometry: 94010, 94070, 95070, 95071, 99070
- Eye paracentesis, anterior chamber: 65800-65815, 66020, 66030, 67500, 67515, 68200
- Nervous system testing, autonomic: 93660, 95921-95924, 95943
- Pleural drainage, thoracentesis, and thoracostomy: 32551, 32554-32557, 75989, 76604, 76942, 77002, 77012, 77021, 99143-99145

For answers to even more coding puzzles, make the most of CPT® Assistant FAQs. The November 2012 issue responds to real-world questions for these areas:

- Central venous catheter: 36568, 36569
- E/M, online: 99444, 99499
- Eyelid excision: 14000-14302, 67966
- Musculoskeletal surgery and repair: 25607, 27299, 27331, 27420
- Respiratory testing: 94010, 94620, 94621, 94799
- Trachea and larynx surgery: 31571, 31599, 31615.