

2014 Phone/Internet Consults: Take Advantage of CPT® Assistant Clinical Examples

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Telemedicine offers providers quick access to subspecialists' expertise, no matter their physical locations, and starting Jan. 1, 2014, the AMA is giving consultants a specific way to report these interactions. The just-released October 2013 CPT® Assistant offers a crash course in the four new consult codes, 99446-99449. Coding tips help you focus on key aspects of the extensive guidelines, tackling tricky transfer of care issues. And clinical examples for each code offer you insights you won't find in your coding manual.

The latest CPT® Assistant takes a close look at some other 2014 changes, too, including soft tissue biologic implants and cerumen removal. You'll also find helpful hints on codes already in place. Key a code or keyword from the list below into **SuperCoder.com's Code Connect** for up-to-date, authoritative guidance:

- Biologic implant, soft tissue: 11004-11006, 11042, 15271-15278, 15400, 15430, 15431, 15734, 15777, 17999, 19357, 46707, 49560-49566, 49568, 57267
- Bone marrow/hematopoietic stem cell transplant: 36511-36522, 38204-38215, 38220, 38230, 38232, 38240-38243, 59899, 86367, 86950, 88182, 88184-88189, 88240, 88241, 96360, 96361
- Cerumen removal: 69210, 69990, 92504
- Internet/telephone consults: 98966-98969, 99354-99359, 99441-99444, 99446-99449
- Speech evaluation: 92506-92508, 92601-92605, 92607, 92608, 92630, 92633.

When you want spot-on advice for specific scenarios, check out the CPT® Assistant FAQs. Search these codes and topics on Code Connect:

- Cervicocerebral angiography: 36221-36228, 75774
- Digestive system: 45505, 49329
- Epidural neurostimulator electrode array: 63650
- Eye foreign body removal: 65205
- Musculoskeletal system: 28298, 28299
- Temporal bone osseointegrated implant: 69714.