

Now Available: Take Advantage of This CPT® Assistant Thyroidectomy Crash Course

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ENT coders will approach tough thyroidectomy coding challenges with confidence after reading the feature article in the December 2012 CPT® Assistant. This just-published issue is chock-full of anatomy insights, key term definitions, and modifier tips to take your thyroidectomy and parathyroidectomy coding to the next level. You'll even get a better understanding of when +60512 is separately reportable so you can capture every dollar without worrying about refund requests.

Easily find the definitive guidance you need to combat denials and ensure correct coding with a quick search of AMA's CPT® Assistant on SuperCoder.com. You can locate the articles on correct CPT® code usage in the December issue by searching for the indicated codes:

- Abdominal paracentesis and peritoneal lavage: 49082-49084, 76705, 76942, 77002, 77012, 77021
- Island pedicle flaps: 13101, 13102, 14000-14302, 15002, 15570-15650, 15731-15740
- Temporalis fascial graft: 69631
- Thyroidectomy and parathyroidectomy: 38724, 60210-60271, 60500-60512.

You also don't want to miss out on the most recent CPT® Assistant Q&A. The December 2012 issue covers a variety of specialties:

- Anesthesia : 64400-64484
- Eye surgery, drainage device: 66170, 66172, 0191T, 0192T
- Knee repair/reconstruction: 27405, 27427, 27599
- Nervous system surgery: 22899, 62160, 62230, 63020, 63030, 63045-63048, 64561, 64581, 64590, 64999, 69990
- Wound care: 17250, 97602

Bonus bulletins: The AMA also just released two new CPT® Assistant bulletins to address challenging issues facing coders today:

- HIPAA version 5010
- Preventive medicine services: 45378, 45383, 99381, 99383, 99387, 99395, 99401-99429.