

Decipher the 'Rule of Nines' With AMA's Latest Burn Treatment Guidance

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If you code for burn-related services, you know the Rule of Nines is even more complicated than it sounds. Luckily, the October 2012 CPT® Assistant has pinpointed the documentation details that will lead you straight to the proper code. Clear-cut comparisons of debridement and escharotomy will take your understanding of this difficult coding area to the next level.

Accessing the authoritative guidance from AMA's CPT® Assistant is simple, thanks to SuperCoder.com's **Code Connect**. Search the codes below for quick links to articles on these subjects:

- Burn treatment: 11042, 11047, 15002, 15005, 15100, 15278, 16000-16036, 97597
- Computed tomography (CT), abdomen and pelvis: 74150, 74160, 74170, 72192-72194
- Debridement, open fracture or dislocation: 11010-11012, 11042, 11044-11047, 15002, 15005
- Ophthalmology, modifiers 50 and 52: 92002, 92014, 92025, 92081-92083, 92100, 92132-92134, 92140, 92225, 92227, 92228, 92240, 92250, 92265, 92270, 92280, 92310-92312, 92314- 92316, 92325.

For solutions to even more coding questions, check out the treasure trove of authoritative answers in the CPT® Assistant FAQs. The October 2012 issue offers directions on these tricky topics:

- Anesthesia: 01996, 26992, 27299, 62287, 62318, 64499, 0232T
- Echocardiography, transesophageal: 33234, 33235, 93312
- Intravitreal injection: 67028
- Joint injection, paravertebral facet: 64490-64495
- Neurostimulator, analysis and reprogramming: 95971.