

SuperCoder's Modifier Crosswalk Now Features Anatomic Modifiers

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SuperCoder.com is excited to announce a new addition to our popular modifier crosswalk tool. Anatomic modifiers are now available for orthopedic, integumentary, respiratory, cardiovascular, digestive, and urinary system CPT® codes!

In response to subscriber requests, SuperCoder.com has added eyelid modifiers (E1-E4), finger modifiers (FA-F9), body side modifiers (LT, RT), and toe modifiers (TA-T9) to the list of CPT® CMS, and ASA modifiers included in Fast Coder and Coding Solutions.

Take Advantage of the Upgraded Modifier Crosswalk Today

To see the top modifiers associated with a CPT® code, simply open the code's details page, look under Crosswalks, and select a Modifiers tab based on your subscription:

- **Modifiers-P (physician)** - Fast Coder and Physician Coder subscribers can view all modifier crosswalks under the Modifiers-P tab (as shown below).
- **Modifiers-ASC& P (ambulatory surgery center and physician)**- Outpatient Facility Coder subscribers can enjoy the added modifiers color-coded by allowed entity.

Code Descriptor

Removal of foreign body, foot; subcutaneous

Lay Term

Find allowed informational modifiers.

Physician Responsibility

Foot is prepped and draped in the usual sterile fashion. Anesthesia is obtained by injection of local anesthetic as a regional block to the surgical site. Skin is incised from the dermis to explore the foreign body embedded in the subcutaneous tissue, which is removed by scalpel. Wound is then irrigated with an antiseptic solution and closed in layers with sutures or Steri-strips.

Tips

If the provider does not make an incision, your best bet may be to report an ED code for the service (99281-99285, Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient...).

Clinical Scenario:

1) Question: A 43-year-old established patient meets the FP at the hospital with an injured foot; he had been repairing a shed in his bare feet, and stepped on a carpentry nail with his left foot. The FP removes the subcutaneous foreign body from the patient's left heel, but she does not make an incision. Is this considered a foreign body removal (FBR)?

Answer: You can report 28190 (Removal of foreign body, foot; subcutaneous).

Look for: E1-E4 FA-F9 LT_RT TA-T9

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Modifier	Description
99	Multiple Modifiers: Under certain circumstances 2 or more modifiers may be necessary to completely delineate a service. In such situations modifier 99 should be added to the basic procedure, and other applicable modifiers may be listed as part of the description of the service.
AS	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, NURSE PRACTITIONER, OR CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR ASSISTANT AT SURGERY
GA	WAIVER OF LIABILITY STATEMENT ISSUED AS REQUIRED BY PAYER POLICY, INDIVIDUAL CASE
GZ	ITEM OR SERVICE EXPECTED TO BE DENIED AS NOT REASONABLE AND NECESSARY
LT	LEFT SIDE (USED TO IDENTIFY PROCEDURES PERFORMED ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BODY)