



TAP Into Latest CPT® Assistant's Advice on Reporting Anesthesia Blocks

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The June 2015 CPT® Assistant is chock full of advice for reporting the year's new codes for transversus abdominis plane (TAP) local anesthesia blocks. Before these codes arrived, you didn't have any specific codes that accurately reflected these peripheral nerve blocks applied to anesthetize the anterior abdominal wall nerves in abdominal or pelvic surgery patients. But the 2015 CPT® code set features specific codes to report TAP block procedures. The issue spells out the guidelines and provides real-world clinical examples that assist you to appropriately report the codes for TAP block.

Other areas featured in the latest CPT® Assistant include cystourethroscopy with transprostatic implants as well as stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT). You will also benefit from a radiostereometric analysis exam clinical scenario and an ICD-10 case scenario featured in this issue. Take advantage of **SuperCoder.com's Code Connect** code and keyword search to keep your skills up to date on these topics:

- Cystourethroscopy With Transprostatic Implants: 52282, 52310, 52441-52601, 52648-52649, 53850-53852, 53855, 53899
- ICD-10-CM Case Scenario: Hypertensive Heart Disease
- Radiostereometric Analysis: 0348T-0350T
- Thoracic Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy: 31626, 32553, 32701, 32999, 61796-61800, 63620-63621, 77295, 77331, 77370, 77373, 77435, 77427-77499
- Transversus Abdominis Plane Block: 64420-64425, 64450, 64486-64489.

The latest selection of CPT® Assistant FAQs also provides guidance for a variety of areas. Learn more at Code Connect.