



ICD-10-PCS Coding Tip

Root Operation: **Repair**

In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding and Medical Billing Professionals with ICD-10, the following training tip is provided with an educational intent.

With PCS coding, the third character defines the root operation, or the objective of the procedure. A complete list of root operations and their definitions can be found in Appendix A of the *PCS Reference Manual*.

Definition of Repair: Restoring, to the extent possible, a body part to its normal anatomic structure and function.

Explanation: The root operation REPAIR represents a broad range of procedures for restoring the anatomic structure of a body part such as suture of lacerations. REPAIR also functions as the “not elsewhere classified (NEC)” root operation, to be used when the procedure performed does not meet the definition of one of the other root operations. Fixation devices are included for procedures to repair the bones and joints.

Examples

Suture **repair** of right biceps tendon laceration, open 0LQ30ZZ

Repair Left Lower Femur, External Approach 0QQCXZZ

References: 2014 ICD-10-PCS Reference Manual <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2014-ICD-10-PCS.html>

Coding Clinic is the official resource and authority for ICD-10 coding rules and conventions.

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