



ICD-10-PCS Coding Tip

Root Operation: **Resection**

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 Resection: Cutting out or off, without replacement, all of the body part.

Explanation: The surgical root operation RESECTION represents removal of all of the body part such as total nephrectomy or total mastectomy. Resection is similar to Excision except Resection includes all of a body part, or any subdivision of a body part that has its own body part value in ICD-10-PCS, while Excision includes only a portion of a body part.

Examples:

Open Resection of Descending Colon 0DTM0ZZ

Right Total Mastectomy, Open 0HTT0ZZ

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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