ICD-10-PCS Coding Tip

Character 6: Device

In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding Professionals for ICD-10, the following is provided with an educational intent.

The sixth character (device) defines the material or appliance used to accomplish the objective of the procedure that remains in or on the procedure site at the end of the procedure.

Device values fall into four basic categories and are only to be used when a device is left in place after a procedure:

- **Grafts and Prostheses**
- **Implants**
- **Simple or Mechanical Appliances**
- **Electronic Appliances**

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