

**ICD-10-PCS Coding Tip**

**Character 2: Body System**

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

The second character (body system) defines the general physiological system, or anatomical region, where the procedure is performed. There are a total of 31 body systems used for PCS coding; each of which are listed below with their associated value.



- 0 Central Nervous
- 1 Peripheral Nervous
- 2 Heart & Great Vessels
- 3 Upper Arteries
- 4 Lower Arteries
- 5 Upper Veins
- 6 Lower Veins
- 7 Lymphatic & Hemic
- 8 Eye
- 9 Ears, Nose, Snus

- B Respiratory
- C Mouth & Throat
- D Gastrointestinal
- F Hepatobiliary & Pancreas
- G Endocrine
- H Skin & Breast
- J Subcutaneous Tissue & Fascia
- K Muscles
- L Tendons
- M Bursae & Ligaments

- N Head & Facial Bones
- P Upper Bones
- Q Lower Bones
- R Upper Joints
- S Lower Joints
- T Urinary
- U Female Reproductive
- V Male Reproductive
- W Anatomical Regions, General
- X Anatomical Regions, Upper Ext
- Y Anatomical Regions, Lower Ext

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