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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