Lesions, and Masses, and Tumors – Oh My!!

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Agenda

• CPT® GUIDELINES
• CPT® DEFINITIONS
• OP REPORT CASES
Definitions

• Cyst - a closed sac having a distinct membrane and developing abnormally in a cavity or structure of the body

• Dermatofibroma - a benign, chiefly fibroblastic nodule of the skin found especially on the extremities of adults

• Lipoma - a tumor of fatty tissue

• Neoplasm - a new growth of tissue serving no physiological function

Diagnosis Codes

• Malignant
  – Primary
  – Secondary
  – In Situ

• Benign

• Uncertain Behavior

• Unspecified Behavior
Diagnosis Codes

- Mass
  - Painful?
- Tumor
  - Pathology Report
- Cyst
  - Type
- Melanoma
  - Melanoma InSitu
The rectus sheath, an example of a fascia
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2010 Changes To 20000 Code Set

• 41 new codes
• 53 revised codes
• 7 deleted codes
• New guidelines for soft tissue and bone tumors

Excision of subcutaneous soft tissue tumors

• Simple & Intermediate repair bundled
• Confined to subcutaneous tissue below the skin, but above the deep fascia
• Usually benign
• Code selection based on location and size of tumor
• Size determined by greatest diameter of tumor plus most narrow margin necessary for excision
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**Excision of fascial or subfascial soft tissue tumors**
- Simple & Intermediate repair bundled
- Confined to the tissue within or below the deep fascia, but not involving the bone
- Usually benign and often intramuscular
- Code selection based on location and size of tumor
- Size determined by greatest diameter of tumor plus most narrow margin necessary for excision

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**Radical resection of soft tissue tumors**
- Simple & Intermediate repair bundled
- Involves resection of tumor with wide margins of normal tissue
- May be confined to a specific layer, may involve removal of tissue from one or more layers
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Radical resection of soft tissue tumors

• Most common for malignant tumors or very aggressive benign tumors

• Code selection based on location and size of tumor

• Size determined by greatest diameter of tumor plus most narrow margin necessary for excision

Radical resection of bone tumors

• Simple & Intermediate repair bundled

• Involves resection of tumor with wide margins of normal tissue

• May require removal of entire bone if tumor growth is extensive

• Most common for malignant tumors or very aggressive benign tumors
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Radical resection of bone tumors

- If surrounding soft tissue is removed during these procedures, radical resection of soft tissue tumor codes should not be reported separately (bundled)

- Code selection based on location of tumor, NOT size or whether tumor is benign, malignant, primary, or metastatic

21011 Excision, tumor, soft tissue of face or scalp, subcutaneous; less than 2 cm
21012 2 cm or greater

21013 Excision, tumor, soft tissue of face or scalp, subfascial (eg, subgaleal, intramuscular); less than 2 cm
21014 2 cm or greater

21016 Radical resection of tumor, soft tissue of face or scalp, 2 cm or greater
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21555 Soft tissue, subcutaneous, neck/anterior thorax less than 3cm
  #21552 3cm or greater

21556 Soft tissue, subfascial, neck/anterior thorax less than 5cm
  # 21554 5cm or greater

21557 Radical resection soft tissue neck/anterior thorax less than 5cm
  21558 5cm or greater

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21930 Soft tissue back/flank, subcutaneous less than 3 cm
  21931 3 cm or greater

21932 Soft tissue back/flank, subfascial less than 5 cm
  21933 5 cm or greater

21935 Radical resection soft tissue back/flank less than 5 cm
  21936 5 cm or greater
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24075 Soft tissue upper arm/elbow area subcutaneous less than 3 cm
#24071 3 cm or greater

24076 Soft tissue upper arm/elbow area subfascial less than 5 cm
#24073 5 cm or greater

24077 Radical resection soft tissue upper arm/elbow area less than 5 cm
#24079 5 cm or greater

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25075 Soft tissue forearm/wrist area subcutaneous less than 3 cm
#25071 3 cm or greater

25076 Soft tissue forearm/wrist area subfascial less than 3 cm
#25073 3 cm or greater

25077 Radical resection soft tissue forearm/wrist area less than 3 cm
25078 3 cm or greater
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27327 Soft tissue thigh/knee area subcutaneous less than 3 cm
#27337 3 cm or greater

27328 Soft tissue thigh/knee area subfascial less than 5 cm
#27339 5 cm or greater

#27329 Radical resection soft tissue thigh/knee area less than 5 cm
27364 5 cm or greater

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27615 Radical resection soft tissue leg/ankle less than 5 cm
27616 6 cm or greater

27618 Soft tissue leg/ankle subcutaneous less than 3 cm
#27632 3 cm or greater

27619 Soft tissue leg/ankle subfascial less than 5 cm
#27634 5 cm or greater
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28043  Soft tissue foot/toe subcutaneous less than 1.5 cm
#28039  1.5 cm or greater

28045  Soft tissue foot/toe subfascial less than 1.5 cm
#28041  1.5 cm or greater

28046  Radical resection soft tissue foot/toe less than 3 cm
28047  3 cm or greater

Coding Op Reports

CODING MUSTS

• Tumor, mass, lesion, or else?

• Depth (subcutaneous, subfascial, bone)

• Size

• Watch for the out of sequence codes
PROCEDURE PERFORMED: Excision mass, behind right ear with excised diameter of 8 mm and complex repair 1.8 cm wound.

…… I incised the ellipses I drawn it and then dissected down to the mass which was found deep to the superficial fascia of her neck. It appeared to be a small lipoma or possibly a lymph node. Hemostasis achieved using the Bovie cautery. I was able to remove the mass completely. Defects were created at each end of the wound to optimize the primary repair because thus I considered a complex repair. The wound was closed in layers using 4-0 Monocryl and 5-0 Prolene. Loupe magnification was used. The patient tolerated the procedure well.

Pathology Report: Inflamed lymph node
CPT Code(s):
ICD-9-CM Code:

PROCEDURE PERFORMED: Excision of submuscular lipoma, forehead with excised diameter of 1.2 cm and layered repair.

DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE: ……An incision was made as drawn and then dissection was carried down to the frontalis muscle, which was separated in direction of its fibers and a submuscular mass was encountered and appeared to be a lipoma. It was dissected away from its attachments to the overlying muscle and the underlying peristemeum. Once the mass was completely removed, hemostasis was achieved using the Bovie cautery. The frontalis was closed using 4-0 Monocryl and the skin closed in layers using 4-0 Monocryl and 6-0 Prolene. Loupe magnification was used. The patient tolerated the procedure well.

PATHOLOGY REPORT: Lipoma
CPT Code(s):
ICD-9-CM Code(s):
PROCEDURE PERFORMED: Excision of cyst, right posterior ear with excised diameter of 1.2 cm and complex repair of 2.3 cm wound.

DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE: ... I excised the cyst as drawn and down well into the subcutaneous fat. I did feel like I was able to be the cyst completely removed. Hemostasis was achieved with Bovie cautery. Defects were created at each end of the wound to optimize the primary repair in addition to undermining, and because of this, I considered a complex repair. The wound was closed in layers using 4-0 Monocryl and 6-0 Prolene. Loupe magnification was used. The patient tolerated the procedure well.

PATHOLOGY REPORT: Epidermal Inclusion Cyst

CPT code(s):
ICD-9-CM code(s):

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Resources

• Gray’s Anatomy, 1918

• CPT® Professional Edition 2011

• Vesalius