

# ICD-10-PCS: Let's Take A Look

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# Agenda

- History recap
- Overview of ICD-10-PCS
- Structure and format
- Examples
- What can I do????

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# Introduction

- *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 includes provisions for the standardization of health care information*
  - *administrative simplification provisions include*
    - *standards for electronic transmission of claims,*
    - *provider identifiers,*
    - *privacy, and code sets*

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## Final Rule

- On January 15, 2009, the Department of Health and Human Services released the final regulation to move from the current ICD-9-CM coding system to the ICD-10 coding system beginning October 1, 2013
- Final rule to update the current 4010 electronic transaction standard to the new 5010 electronic transaction format for electronic healthcare transactions was also published with an implementation of January 1, 2012

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## Overview

- What does ICD-10-PCS stand for?
- Who created ICD-10-PCS?
- Who uses ICD-10-PCS?
- What do the codes look like?

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# Overview

## ICD-10-PCS contains 16 sections

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 0 Medical and Surgical                      | 8 Other Procedures                                 |
| 1 Obstetrics                                | 9 Chiropractic                                     |
| 2 Placement                                 | B Imaging  |
| 3 Administration                            | C Nuclear Medicine                                 |
| 4 Measurement and Monitoring                | D Radiation Oncology                               |
| 5 Extracorporeal Assistance and Performance | F Physical Rehabilitation and Diagnostic Audiology |
| 6 Extracorporeal Therapies                  | G Mental Health                                    |
| 7 Osteopathic                               | H Substance Abuse Treatment                        |

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# Guidelines

- The ICD-10-PCS Draft Coding Guidelines (2011) appear on page 19–23 of the *ICD-10-PCS 2011 Code Book*

## Three sections of Guidelines

A. General

B. Med/Surg  
Section

C. Other  
Med/Surg  
Related

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# ICD-10-PCS Tables are Utilized to Build the Code



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## ICD-10-PCS Codes

- Each character represents an aspect of the procedure
- Meanings change by Section
- I and O (letters) are not used in PCS
- No diagnosis information contained in PCS

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# Seven Characters

Medical Surgical Section - 0

Character 1	Character 2	Character 3	Character 4	Character 5	Character 6	Character 7
Section	Body System	Root Operation	Body Part	Approach	Device	Qualifier

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## ICD-10-PCS Root Operations

- Objective of procedure
  - 31 Root operations
  - Arranged by similar attributes
  - Multiple codes
  - List of Root Operations in ICD-10-PCS manual
- Examples of Root operations:
- Bypass
  - Drainage
  - Reattachment
  - Resection
  - Inspection

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## Root Operations That Take Out Some or All of a Body Part

Excision (B)

Resection  
(T)

Detachment  
(6)

Destruction  
(5)

Extraction  
(D)

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## ICD-10-PCS Terminology

- Excision (B)
  - Definition: Cutting out or off, without replacement, a portion of a body part
  - Explanation: The qualifier diagnostic is used to identify excision procedures that are biopsies
  - Examples: Colon biopsy, skin lesion removal

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## Example: Percutaneous Needle Biopsy

- Patient underwent a percutaneous needle biopsy of a right perirenal mass

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## How This is Coded

Character 1	Character 2	Character 3	Character 4	Character 5	Character 6	Character 7
Section	Body System	Root Operation	Body Part	Approach	Device	Qualifier
Medical and Surgical	Urinary System	Excision	Kidney	Percutaneous	No Device	Diagnostic
<b>0</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Z</b>	<b>X</b>

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## ICD-10-PCS Terminology

- Resection (T)
  - Definition: Cutting out or off, without replacement, all of a body part
  - Explanation: None
  - Examples: Total nephrectomy, total lobectomy of a lung

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## Example: Right Hemicolectomy

*...a vertical midline incision was used to enter the abdominal cavity. There was noted to be a mass in the region of the cecum. **The mass was easily mobilized and it was felt that a right hemicolectomy was indicated. The right colon was mobilized by incising the white line of Toldt and reflecting colon medially.** The loose tissue was taken down bluntly with a hand and adhesions were taken down sharply. The colon was mobilized to the left end up to the level of the hepatic flexure. .... **After removing the entire right colon specimen off the field, a primary anastomosis was planned...***

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## How This is Coded

Character 1	Character 2	Character 3	Character 4	Character 5	Character 6	Character 7
Section	Body System	Root Operation	Body Part	Approach	Device	Qualifier
Medical and Surgical	Gastrointestinal System	Resection	Large Intestine, RT	Open	No Device	No Qualifier
<b>0</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Z</b>	<b>Z</b>

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## ICD-10-PCS Terminology

- Detachment (6)
  - Definition: Cutting off all or part of the upper or lower extremities
  - Explanation: The body part value is the site of the detachment, with a qualifier if applicable to further specify the level where the extremity was detached
  - Examples: Below knee amputation Disarticulation of shoulder

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## Example: Amputation

A physician performs a DIP joint amputation of the right thumb

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## How This is Coded

Character 1	Character 2	Character 3	Character 4	Character 5	Character 6	Character 7
Section	Body System	Root Operation	Body Part	Approach	Device	Qualifier
Medical and Surgical	Anatomical Regions Upper Extremities	Detachment	Thumb, RT	Open	No Device	Low
<b>0</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Z</b>	<b>3</b>

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## ICD-10-PCS Terminology

- Destruction (5)
  - Definition: Physical eradication of all or a portion of a body part by the direct use of energy, force, or a destructive agent
  - Explanation: None of the body part is physically taken out
  - Examples: Fulguration of rectal polyp, cautery of skin lesion

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## Example: Destruction

A physician performs laparoscopic destruction of endometriosis of bilateral ovaries

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## How This is Coded

Character 1	Character 2	Character 3	Character 4	Character 5	Character 6	Character 7
Section	Body System	Root Operation	Body Part	Approach	Device	Qualifier
Medical and Surgical	Female Reproductive System	Destruction	Ovaries, Bilateral	Percutaneous Endoscopic	No Device	No Qualifier
<b>0</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Z</b>	<b>Z</b>

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## ICD-10-PCS Terminology

- Extraction (D)
  - Definition: Pulling or stripping out or off all or a portion of a body part by the use of force
  - Explanation: The qualifier *Diagnostic* is used to identify extraction procedures that are biopsies
  - Examples: Dilation and curettage, vein stripping

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## Example: Cataract

8-year-old male patient is brought to ambulatory surgery center for extraction of congenital cataract of left eye. Extraction completed using phacoemulsification technique and an AcrySof Natural monofocal lens was placed.

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## How This is Coded

Character 1	Character 2	Character 3	Character 4	Character 5	Character 6	Character 7
Section	Body System	Root Operation	Body Part	Approach	Device	Qualifier
Medical and Surgical	Eye	Extraction	Lens, left	Percutaneous	No Device	No Qualifier
<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Z</b>	<b>Z</b>

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## How This is Coded

Character 1	Character 2	Character 3	Character 4	Character 5	Character 6	Character 7
Section	Body System	Root Operation	Body Part	Approach	Device	Qualifier
Medical and Surgical	Eye	Replacement	Lens, left	Percutaneous	Nonautologous Tissue Substitute	No Qualifier
<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>Z</b>

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## Next Steps

- Don't be scared
- Take A&P
- Practice, practice, practice

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THE COUNTDOWN IS NOW!!!



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