Coding For Biopsies

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Skin Punch Biopsy

- Obtain a small part of a larger condition
- 2mm biopsy punch with or without plunger
- Dermal and subcutaneous tissue
Punch Biopsy Instruments
Punch Biopsy Technique
Punch

- CPT 11100
- Biopsy of skin, subcutaneous tissue and/or mucous membrane (including simple closure), unless otherwise listed; single lesion
- Punch, Curette, Scissors
If do *multiple* punches

Biopsy of skin, subcutaneous tissue and/or mucous membrane (including simple closure), unless otherwise listed; *each separate/additional lesion* (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Add-on code
Example

- 3 Punch Biopsies
- CPT 11100
- CPT 11101 x 2 units
Skin Shave Biopsy

- More superficial, may or may not remove entire lesion
- Sample dermal and subcutaneous tissue
Shave
Shave Biopsy Instrument
Shave Biopsy Technique
Shave, Legs

- CPT 11300 - Shaving of epidermal or dermal lesion, single lesion, trunk, arms or legs; lesion diameter 0.5 cm or less
- CPT 11301 - Shaving of epidermal or dermal lesion, single lesion, trunk, arms or legs; lesion diameter 0.6 to 1.0 cm
- CPT 11302 - Shaving of epidermal or dermal lesion, single lesion, trunk, arms or legs; lesion diameter 1.1 to 2.0 cm
- CPT 11303 - Shaving of epidermal or dermal lesion, single lesion, trunk, arms or legs; lesion diameter over 2.0 cm
Shave, Feet

- **CPT 11305** - Shaving of epidermal or dermal lesion, single lesion, scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitalia; lesion diameter 0.5 cm or less

- **CPT 11306** - Shaving of epidermal or dermal lesion, single lesion, scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitalia; lesion diameter 0.6 to 1.0 cm

- **CPT 11307** - Shaving of epidermal or dermal lesion, single lesion, scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitalia; lesion diameter 1.1 to 2.0 cm

- **CPT 11308** - Shaving of epidermal or dermal lesion, single lesion, scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitalia; lesion diameter over 2.0 cm
Diagnoses – Benign, Skin

- D22.7- Melanocytic nevi of lower limb, including hip (need laterality)
- D04.7- Carcinoma in situ of skin of lower limb, including hip (need laterality)
- D23.7- Other benign neoplasm of skin of lower limb, including hip (need laterality)

CODES NOT COMPLETE – NEED LATERALITY
Diagnoses – Malignant, Skin

- C43.7- Malignant melanoma of lower limb, including hip (need laterality)
- D03.7- Melanoma in situ of lower limb, including hip (need laterality)

CODES NOT COMPLETE – NEED LATERALITY
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- C46.0 Kaposi's sarcoma of skin
Can’t Find Your Diagnosis

- L98.8  Other specified disorders of the skin and subcutaneous tissue
Don’t want to wait

- **D49.2** Neoplasm of unspecified behavior of bone, soft tissue, and skin
CPT 11755

- Biopsy of nail unit
- CPT Assistant December, 2002:
  - Not a clipping of the nail
CPT 11755

Three examples given in CPT Assistant article December, 2002
CPT 11755

First example given in CPT Assistant article December, 2002

- Punch through nail plate into nail bed
CPT 11755

Second example given in CPT Assistant article December, 2002

- Remove nail plate
- Longitudinal incision over affected area
- Remove Specimen
- Suture Closure
CPT 11755
Third example given in CPT Assistant article December, 2002 (matrix biopsy)

- Short longitudinal incisions made on either side of the proximal nail fold in line with the lateral nail folds
- Elevate this tissue off proximal nail plate
- Remove portion of this tissue, exposing nail matrix
- Piece of matrix removed with punch or scalpel
- Suture closure
CPT 11755

- **D04.7**- Carcinoma in situ of skin of lower limb, including hip *(need laterality)*
- **L60.3**  Nail dystrophy   
- **D49.2** Neoplasm of unspecified behavior of bone, soft tissue, and skin
Biopsy By Aspiration

- Non-epithelial, non-skeletal tissue
- Ganglion cyst most common
- Ganglion cyst represents more than 50% of all soft tissue tumors in the foot
- Kaposi Sarcoma: More than half are initially misdiagnosed as a ganglion cyst
Needle Aspiration Technique

1. Insert Needle Into Lesion
2. Apply Full Suction
3. Redirect Needle Within Target, Apply Suction Until Small Amount of Aspirate Appears in Hub of Needle
4. Release Negative Pressure Before Withdrawal of Needle
Biopsy By Aspiration

- Ganglion, Adipose, Cyst
- CPT 10021 - Fine needle aspiration; without imaging guidance
- CPT 10022 - Fine needle aspiration; with imaging guidance
Biopsy By Aspiration - Diagnoses

Have Diagnosis

- M67.47- Ganglion (cyst), ankle and foot (need laterality)
- D21.2- Benign neoplasm of connective and other soft tissue of lower limb, including hip (need laterality)
- C49.2- Malignant neoplasm of connective and soft tissue of lower limb, including hip (need laterality)

Don’t want to wait

- D49.2 Neoplasm of unspecified behavior of bone, soft tissue, and skin
Bone Biopsy

- CPT 20220  Biopsy, bone, trocar, or needle; superficial

- CPT 20240  Biopsy, bone, open; superficial
Bone Biopsy Diagnosis Codes

- M86.1 - Acute osteomyelitis
- M86.2 - Subacute osteomyelitis
- M86.3 - Chronic multifocal osteomyelitis
- M86.4 - Chronic osteomyelitis with draining sinus
- M86.5 - Other chronic hematogenous osteomyelitis
- M86.6 - Other chronic osteomyelitis

CODES NOT COMPLETE – NEED MORE CHARACTERS!!!
Bone Biopsy Diagnosis Codes

- D16.3- Benign neoplasm of short bones of lower limb (need laterality)
- C40.3- Malignant neoplasm of short bones of lower limb (need laterality)
- C40.8- Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of bone and articular cartilage of limb (need laterality)
- CODES NOT COMPLETE – NEED LATERALITY
- D49.2 Neoplasm of unspecified behavior of bone, soft tissue, and skin
Thank You!!
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