

# Coding For Biopsies

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# Skin Punch Biopsy

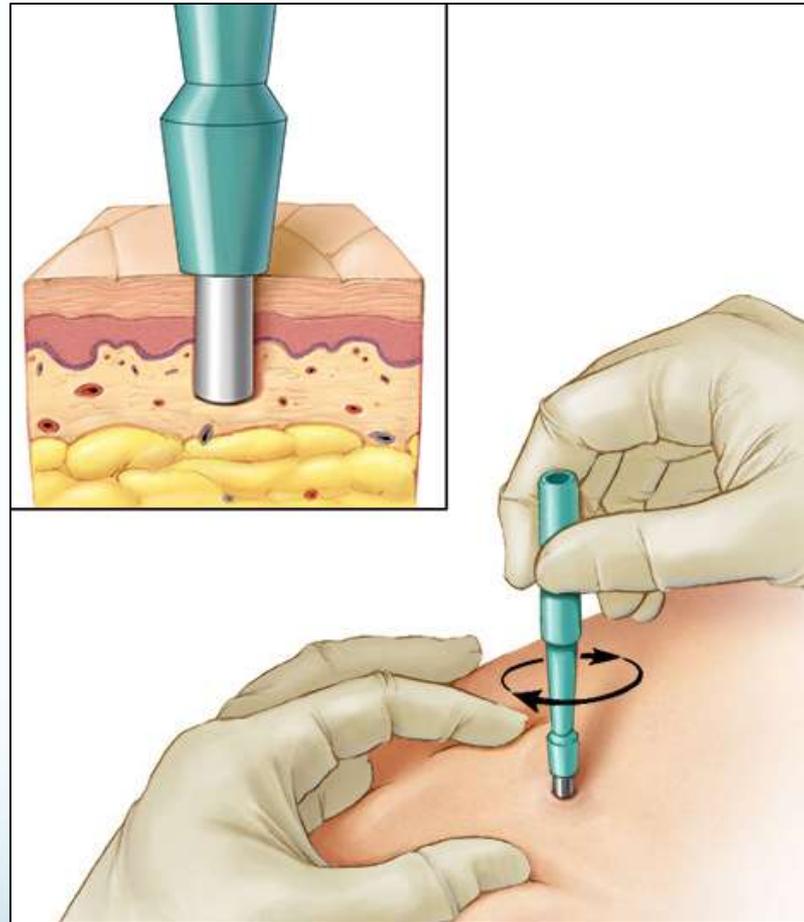
- Obtain a small part of a larger condition
- 2mm biopsy punch with or without plunger
- Dermal and subcutaneous tissue



# Punch Biopsy Instruments

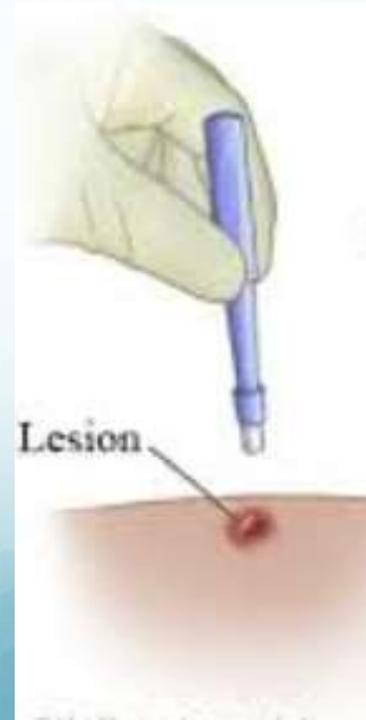


# Punch Biopsy Technique



# Punch

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



# CPT 11101

- 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



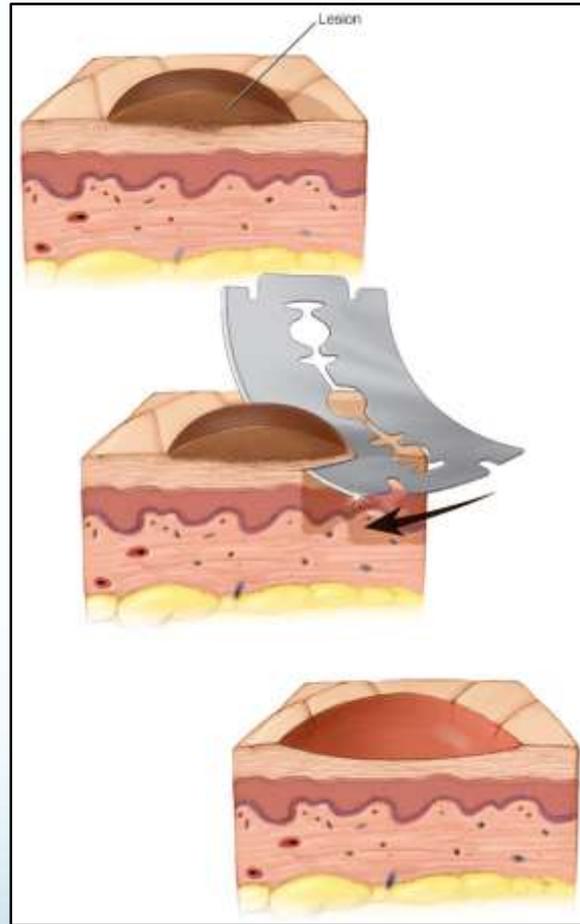
# Shave



# 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)

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# KP

- 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

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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)

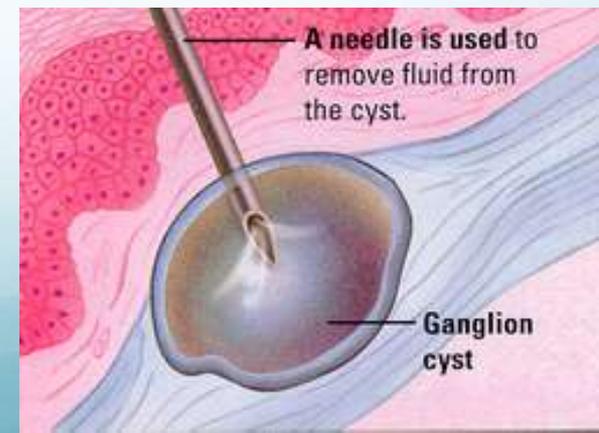
- Short longitudinal incisions made on either side of the proximal nail fold in line with the lateral nail folds
- Elevate this tissue off proximal nail plate
- Remove portion of this tissue, exposing nail matrix
- Piece of matrix removed with punch or scalpel
- Suture closure

# CPT 11755

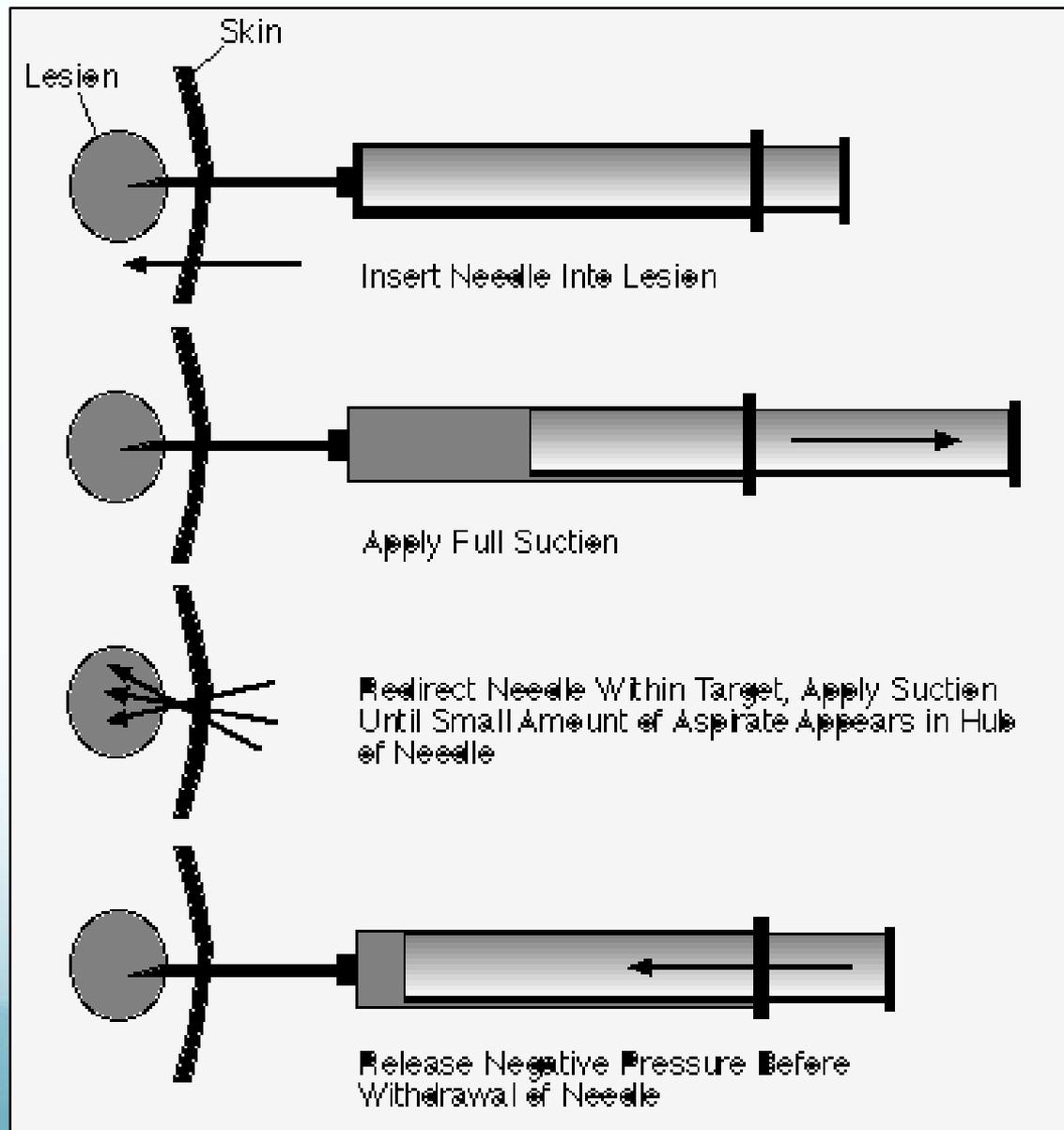
- D04.7- Carcinoma in situ of skin of lower limb, including hip  
(need laterality)
- L60.3 Nail dystrophy
- **D49.2** Neoplasm of unspecified behavior of bone, soft tissue, and skin

# 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



# 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**
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Thank You!!



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