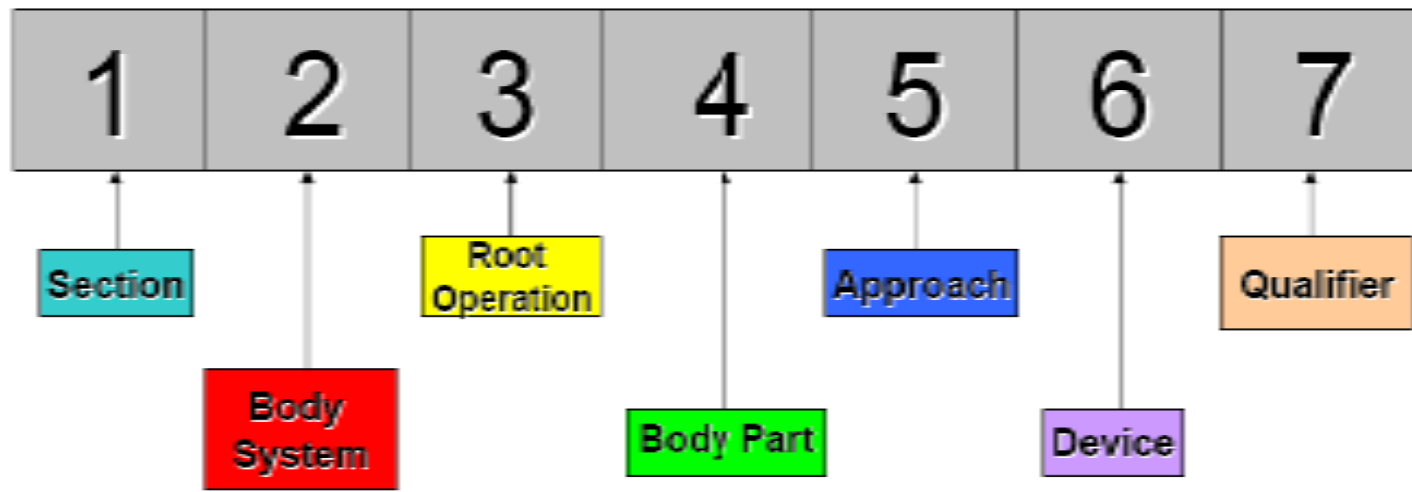


# Clinical Documentation Improvement

## Format of ICD-10 PCS

### (Inpatient Procedural Coding)



There are seven (7) characters in each ICD-10-PCS (Procedural Coding System) code. Each character has a slightly different meaning related to that particular section.

# ICD-10-PCS Documentation Tips: Medical-Surgical Section

- Section
  - First character of the procedure code
    - 0-9 or
    - B, C, D, F, G, or H
  - Identifies general type of procedure
    - Surgical, obstetric, imaging, etc.
- Body System
  - Second character of procedure code
  - Some body systems are subdivided
    - Musculoskeletal
      - K = muscles; L = tendons; P = upper bones, etc.

# ICD-10-PCS Documentation Tips: Medical-Surgical Section

- Root Operation
  - Third character of the procedure code
  - 31 different types of general procedures
  - Defines the objective of the procedure
  - There is some “new” terminology used to define the different types of root operations.
  - Physician does NOT have to document root operation terms; coder will translate.

# ICD-10-PCS Documentation Tips: Medical-Surgical Section

- Root Operation Example
  - Extirpation
    - Removal of matter within the body part (i.e., foreign body, thrombus, calculus, etc.) but no appreciable amount of the body part is removed
  - Extraction
    - Removal of all or some of a body part by force (i.e., pulling or stripping)
    - Requires a qualifier if diagnostic – biopsy
  - Replacement
    - A device that physically takes the place or function of a body part
    - Includes removal of that body part whose function is being replaced by the device

# ICD-10-PCS Documentation Tips: Medical-Surgical Section

- Root Operation
  - Reposition
    - Put back or remove some or all of a body part
    - Move a body part to a new location
      - Displaced fracture with reduction
  - Supplement
    - Introduction of a device that supplements, reinforces, or augments a body part without replacing the body part

# ICD-10-PCS Documentation Tips: Medical-Surgical Section

- Body Part
  - Fourth character of the procedure code
  - Specifies the body part within a particular body system on which the procedure is performed
    - Tubular body parts = hollow body parts that allow the passage of solids, liquids, or gases

# ICD-10-PCS Documentation Tips: Medical-Surgical Section

- Approach
  - Fifth character of the procedure code
  - Seven different techniques used to reach the site of the procedure
    - Comprised of three components
      - Access location = the external site through which an internal body part is reached
        - » Two general types: Skin or mucous membrane OR external orifice
      - Method = how the external access location is entered
        - » There can be multiple methods within the approach
      - Type of instrumentation = specialized equipment used to perform the procedure

# ICD-10-PCS Documentation Tips: Medical-Surgical Section

- Device
  - Sixth character of the procedure code
  - There are specific values to capture devices that remain after the procedure is completed
  - Four general types of devices
    - Grafts and prostheses
      - Replace all or part of a body part
      - Assist or prevent a physiological function
    - Implants
    - Simple mechanical appliances
    - Electronic appliances
  - If no device is left, value Z , “No device,” is used



# ICD-10-PCS Documentation Tips: Medical-Surgical Section

- Qualifier
  - Seventh character in procedure code
  - Unique values for individual procedures as needed
  - In cases where a qualifier is not applicable, value Z, “No qualifier,” is used