



ICD-10 and CPT® Changes for 2021

It's important to keep up with yearly changes.

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Every year, a new CPT® code set is released by the American Medical Association that takes effect the following January 1. Similarly, a new ICD-10-CM code set is released every year which takes effect that October 1. There are several changes to both of these code sets for the new year that affect podiatrists. All practices should be using the new ICD-10 code set as of October 1, 2020 and the new CPT code set as of January 1, 2021. Here, some podiatry—pertinent ICD-10 and CPT changes are shared.

ICD-10 Changes

This year, there are 490 total additions, 58 deletions, and 47 revisions to the ICD-10 code set. The total number of ICD-10-CM codes is now 72,616. Some new ICD-10 codes that podiatrists may find occasion to use include:

U07.1—COVID-19

Z03.823—Encounter for observation for suspected inserted (injected) foreign body ruled out

M80.0AX__—Age-related osteoporosis with current pathological fracture, other site (requires 7th character)

F10.130—Alcohol abuse with withdrawal, uncomplicated

F10.131—Alcohol abuse with withdrawal delirium

F10.132—Alcohol abuse with withdrawal with perceptual disturbance

F10.930—Alcohol use, unspecified with withdrawal, uncomplicated

F10.931—Alcohol use, unspecified with withdrawal delirium

F10.932—Alcohol use, unspecified with withdrawal with perceptual disturbance

F11.13—Opioid abuse with withdrawal

F12.13—Cannabis abuse with withdrawal

F13.130—Sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic abuse with withdrawal, uncomplicated

F13.131—Sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic abuse with withdrawal delirium

F13.132—Sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic abuse with withdrawal with perceptual disturbance

D72.111—Lymphocytic Variant Hypereosinophilic Syndrome [LHES]

D72.118—Other hypereosinophilic syndrome

D72.119—Hypereosinophilic syndrome [HES], unspecified

D72.12—Drug rash with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms syndrome

D72.18—Eosinophilia in diseases classified elsewhere

D72.19—Other eosinophilia

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Some use chronic renal disease as a qualifying systemic diagnosis for covered at-risk foot care. For those that do, it is important to note that the ICD-10 coding for stage 3 chronic kidney disease is changing. N18.3 is no longer a complete, valid ICD-10 code as it now requires additional characters to complete the code. The new codes are:

N18.30—Chronic kidney disease, stage 3 unspecified

N18.31—Chronic kidney disease, stage 3a

N18.32—Chronic kidney disease, stage 3b

Prior to October 1, 2020 the ICD-10 code for eosinophilia was D72.1. This is no longer a valid, complete code and now requires additional characters. The new, complete D72.1- codes include:

D72.10—Eosinophilia, unspecified

D72.110—Idiopathic hypereosinophilic syndrome [IHES]

CPT® Changes

The biggest CPT changes for 2021 are the changes to the office/other outpatient evaluation and management (E&M) CPT codes. The method we have used to select the level of office/other outpatient E&M codes has not changed since 1997 and now undergoes dramatic change. The good news is that, with these changes, the barriers that have made it difficult for providers who specialize in one area of the body to reach higher level office/other outpatient E&M codes have been removed. The details of these changes have already been covered in this publication and will not be repeated here. It is essential that providers are using the new guidelines to select the level of office/other outpatient E&M services starting January 1, 2021.

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The following CPT codes have been deleted and are no longer valid codes as of January 1, 2021:

DELETED: CPT 76970—Ultrasound study follow-up (specify)

DELETED: CPT 0400T—Multi-spectral digital skin lesion analysis of clinically atypical cutaneous pigmented lesions for detection of melanomas and high risk melanocytic atypia; one to five lesions

DELETED: CPT 0401T—Multi-spectral digital skin lesion analysis of clinically atypical cutaneous pigmented lesions for detection of melanomas and high risk melanocytic atypia; six or more lesions

Two Category III CPT codes have been added to the code set for 2021 which may be useful for podiatrists:

CPT 0598T—Noncontact real-time fluorescence wound imaging, for bacterial presence, location, and load, per session; first anatomic site (e.g., lower extremity)

CPT 0631T—Transcutaneous visible light hyperspectral imaging measurement of oxyhemoglobin, deoxyhemoglobin, and tissue oxygenation, with interpretation and report, per extremity

New introductory language was added to the arthroscop-

py section of the CPT code set regarding loose and foreign body removal. This new language dictates that “arthroscopic removal of loose body(ies) or foreign body(ies) may only be reported when the loose body(ies) or foreign body(ies) is equal to or larger than the diameter of the arthroscopic cannula(s) used for the specific procedure, and can only be removed through a cannula larger than that used for the specific procedure or through a separate incision or through

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a portal that has been enlarged to allow removal of the loose or foreign body(ies).” This change was made to differentiate between cases of loose and foreign body removal through a cannula and those requiring extra-cannular removal.

The changes to the office/other outpatient E&M CPT codes allow providers to choose the level of service based on medical decision-making only or total time only. When determining the level based on total time, the maximum total time that is allowed by the new CPT code descriptors is 74 minutes for new patients (CPT 99205) and 54 minutes for established patients (CPT 99215). A new add-on code is added to the 2021 CPT code set to account for office/other outpatient E&M services visits where the level is determined by total time and the total time is 75 or more minutes for a new patient or 55 or more minutes for an established patient. This new code is:

CPT 99417—Prolonged office or other outpatient evaluation and management service(s) beyond the minimum required time of the primary procedure which has been selected using total time, requiring total time with or without direct patient contact beyond the usual service, on the date of the primary service, each 15 minutes of total time

These are some of the ICD-10 and CPT changes for 2021 that are pertinent to podiatrists. All practices should be using the new ICD-10 code set as of October 1, 2020 and the new CPT code set as of January 1, 2021. **PM**

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