

# NERVOUS, ENDOCRINE, EYES & EARS (MULTIPLE CHOICE)

CPC® STUDY GROUP WITH LEGACY EDUCATION

1. Under general anesthesia the provider excises the lower 1/3 portion of the right lobe of the thyroid as well as the lower 1/3 of the left lobe. The isthmus is also removed. What CPT® code(s) is/are reported?
  - a. 60210, 60212
  - b. 60225-50
  - c. 60210-LT, 60210-RT
  - d. 60212
2. A patient is having a decompression of the nerve root involving two segments of the lumbar spine via transpedicular approach. What CPT® code(s) is/are reported?
  - a. 63056
  - b. 63056, 63057
  - c. 63030, 63035
  - d. 63030
3. A patient with a status post (after or following) lumbar puncture headache receives an epidural blood patch. The patient's venous blood is injected into the lumbar epidural space; this blood forms a clot sealing the leak of CSF from the lumbar puncture. What CPT® and ICD-10-CM codes are reported?
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  - b. 62281, G44.1
  - c. 62273, G97.1
  - d. 62273, G44.1
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  - a. 64493 x 2
  - b. 64493-50, 64494 x 2
  - c. 64493-50, 64494-50-51
  - d. 64483-50, 64484 x 2
5. Postoperative Diagnosis: Carpal tunnel syndrome right wrist  
The patient was brought to the operating room and sedated with anesthesia. After sterile prepping and draping of the right hand, wrist and arm, the patient's area of incision was infiltrated with xylocaine/Marcaine infiltration. An Esmarch bandage was used to exsanguinate the right hand and wrist and used about the distal forearm as a tourniquet. A curvilinear incision was made on the palmar aspect of the right wrist. Dissection was carried out through the skin and subcutaneous tissue. Bleeding was controlled. The median nerve and its branches were identified, retracted and protected at all times. The ligament was incised from proximal to distal. A thorough decompression was carried out. A neurolysis was carried out. The nerve was found to be flattened and ischemic underneath the transverse carpal ligament. The fascia was closed and the tourniquet was released. A dressing was applied and the patient was transferred to recovery room. What CPT® code is reported?
  - a. 64721-RT
  - b. 64721-LT
  - c. 29848-LT
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6. Michael has bilateral lazy eyes and undergoes strabismus surgery of the superior oblique muscle for both eyes. What CPT® code is reported?
  - a. 67311-50
  - b. 67318
  - c. 67318-50
  - d. 67345

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- a. 67916-50
  - b. 67916-E4, 67914-E2
  - c. 67914-50
  - d. 67923-E4, 67921-E2
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  - c. 69140-RT
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- a. 69433, H65.03
  - b. 69436, H65.03
  - c. 69433-50, H65.23
  - d. 69436-50, H65.23
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- a. 65091-LT, S05.22XS, V49.59XS, Y92.411
  - b. 65103-LT, S05.22XA, V49.59XA, Y92.411
  - c. 65093-LT, S05.22XA, V43.92XA, Y92.411
  - d. 65101-LT, S05.22XD, V89.2XXD, Y92.488

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ICD-10-CM: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

# ANSWER KEY

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ANS: D

Rationale: In the CPT® Index look for Thyroidectomy/Partial, directing you to code range 60210-60225. 60212 reports surgical removal of a part of one lobe of the thyroid gland and most of the portion of the other lobe of the thyroid gland. The provider also performs surgical removal of the isthmus, the tissue connecting the two lobes of the thyroid gland in the middle.

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  - b. 63056, 63057
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  - d. 63030

ANS: B

Rationale: In the CPT® Index look for Decompression/Nerve/Root and directing you to a series of codes. The transpedicular approach is defined by codes 63055-63057 and 63056 specifies the lumbar spine. Add-on code 63057 is used for the second segment and a modifier 51 is not used with add-on codes.

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  - d. 62273, G44.1

ANS: C

Rationale: In the CPT® Index look for Spinal Cord/Injection/Blood directing you to 62273.

In ICD-10-CM Alphabetic Index look for Headache/lumbar puncture directing you to G97.1. Verification in the Tabular List confirms code selection.

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- a. 64493 x 2
  - b. 64493-50, 64494 x 2
  - c. 64493-50, 64494-50-51
  - d. 64483-50, 64484 x 2

ANS: B

Rationale: Codes for the injection of an anesthetic and/or steroid are selected based on the location and number of levels. In the CPT® Index look for Injection/Paravertebral Facet Joint/Nerve/with Image Guidance directing you to 64490-64495. Code 64493 is for injection of the lumbar, single level L3-L4; and 64494 is the add-on code for the additional level L4-L5. Modifier 50 Bilateral Procedure is appended to code 64493 as the injection was on both sides. There is a parenthetical note above code above 64490 which indicates add-on code 64494 is to be reported twice when performed bilaterally. Add-on codes are Modifier 51 exempt and are not reported. There is a subsection guideline stating if imaging guidance is not used report 20552-20553.

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- a. 64721-RT
- b. 64721-LT
- c. 29848-LT
- d. 29848-RT

ANS: A

Rationale: In the CPT® Index look for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome/Decompression directing you to code 64721. Modifier RT is used to indicate it was performed on her right wrist.

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ANS: C

Rationale: In the CPT® Index look for Strabismus/Repair/Superior Oblique Muscle it directs you to code 67318 and is confirmed by the code description in the numeric section. Modifier -50 is used to identify the procedure performed on both eyes.

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ANS: B

Rationale: In the CPT® Index look for Ectropion/Repair/Excision Tarsal Wedge which directs you to code 67916. Then further down in the same list Suture directs you to 67914. Modifier E4 is appended to 67916 to show it was performed on the right lower eyelid. Modifier E2 is appended to 67914 to show it was performed on the left lower eyelid.

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- b. 69105-LT
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- d. 69145-LT

ANS: B

Rationale: In the CPT® Index look for Auditory Canal/External/Biopsy. Verify in the CPT® numeric section. Code 69105 with modifier LT is correct since the biopsy was taken from the left ear in the auditory canal.

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ANS: D

Rationale: In the CPT® Index look for Ventilating Tube/Insertion and you are directed to 69433. When verifying in the numeric section, code 69433 is with local or topical anesthesia. Code 69436 is for general anesthesia making it the correct code. Modifier 50 is used to indicate it is performed on both ears. In the ICD-10-CM Alphabetical Index look for Otitis/media/chronic/serous which states see Otitis, media, nonsuppurative, chronic, serous. Look for Otitis/media/nonsuppurative/chronic/serous and you are directed to H65.2-. Verification in the Tabular List indicates a 5<sup>th</sup> character is needed for laterality. A 5<sup>th</sup> character of 3 is for bilateral.

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ANS: B

Rationale: Enucleation is the removal of the eye. At the time of surgery, an implant was inserted and extraocular muscles were not attached to it. In the CPT® Index look for Enucleation/Eye which gives codes 65101, 65103, 65105. Code 65103 best describes this procedure. The LT modifier is appended to indicate that this was the left eye. In the ICD-10-CM Alphabetical Index look for Laceration/eye (ball)/with prolapse or loss of intraocular tissue directing you to S05.2-. Tabular List indicates that seven characters are reported to complete the code. The 5<sup>th</sup> character 2 is reported to indicate left eye. X is used as placeholder for the 6<sup>th</sup> character position. The 7<sup>th</sup> character is A to report initial encounter for the patient receiving active treatment in the ED. Documentation does not provide sufficient details of the multi-car accident to specify whether the other cars were in motion and if a collision occurred with other objects/persons. Look in the ICD-10-CM External Cause of Injuries Index for Accident/transport/car occupant/passenger/collision (with)/motor vehicle NOS (traffic)/specified type NEC (traffic) V49.59-. The 6<sup>th</sup> character X is used as a placeholder and 7<sup>th</sup> character A for initial encounter in the ED. Look for Place of occurrence/highway (interstate) directing you to Y92.411.