Correct Coding to Maximize Reimbursements:
Hone your Uro-Oncology Skills

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Objectives:
• Restate the correct code for the treatment of urological tumors
• Review the ICD-9 diagnostic codes for urological benign/
malignant tumors
• Express the accurate code for robotic/laparoscopy procedures
  for tumors
• Restate the correct code for minimally invasive and radical
  surgery for urology tumors
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Urological Oncology Coding

- Coding for the diagnosis and treatment of
  - Kidney and renal pelvic tumors
  - Ureteral tumors
  - Bladder tumors
  - Prostatic tumors
  - Testicular tumors
ICD-9

- 189.0 malignant neoplasm kidney, except pelvis
- 189.1 malignant neoplasm of renal pelvis

ICD-10

- ✔ 4 C64 malignant neoplasm of kidney, except pelvis
  - C64.1...right
  - C64.2...left
  - C64.9...unspecified kidney

- C65 malignant neoplasm of renal pelvis
  - C65.1...right
  - C65.2...left
  - C65.9... unspecified pelvis
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Kidney Oncology Coding Update
Urological Surgery - Open Nephrectomy

50220... simple nephrectomy with partial ureterectomy
50225......complicated because of previous surgery
50230...radical nephrectomy, lymph node,+/--vena cava
50234...total nephroureterectomy with cuff of bladder
50236......through separate incisions
50240...partial nephrectomy
50250...ablation, open, one or more renal mass lesion(s), cryosurgical

Open Radical Nephrectomy 50230

Radical nephrectomy includes removal of perinephric fat and Gerota’s fascia, w/or w/out regional lymphadectomy and/or vena caval thrombectomy, w/or w/out adrenalectomy

- **CPT** ICD-9
  - 50230 189.0
Coding Scenarios

• Findings: Upper pole left Renal Tumor

  Procedure: Exploration of left kidney, partial nephrectomy, positive biopsy of renal resection bed, and total radical nephrectomy:

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Renal Oncology Coding
Laparoscopic Nephrectomy

50545......radical nephrectomy
50546......simple nephrectomy-partial ureterectomy,
50547..... donor nephrectomy
50548..... nephrectomy-total ureterectomy
50543..... partial nephrectomy
50542..... Ablation of renal mass lesion(s)

Urological Oncology Coding Update
Treatment of Upper Tract Tumors

- Laparoscopic simple nephrectomy 50546

Reference: 2014 Current procedural terminology, CPT, AMA
Urological Oncology Coding Coding Coding Update
Treatment of Upper Tract Tumors

• Laparoscopic radical nephrectomy 50545

• Laparoscopic radical nephrectomy *without adrenalectomy/node resection*
  50545 (AUA)
  50545–52
  50546

Reference: 2014 Current procedure terminology, CPT, AMA publication
Laparoscopic Treatment of Renal Pelvic and Ureteral Tumors

Total Nephroureterectomy

*(nephrectomy with total ureterectomy)*

50548 laparoscopic surgery with total removal of kidney, ureter, and cuff of bladder
Laparoscopic Treatment of Upper Tract Tumors

Total Nephroureterectomy (with bladder cuff and with separate bladder procedures)

50548 laparoscopic surgery and

- 52290 cystoscopic extended meatotomty and/or,
- 52214 cystoscopic fulguration or excision, or
- 52234 TUR resection of ureteral orifice
Total Nephroureterectomy

50548 laparoscopic nephrectomy and total ureterectomy

52214 cystoscopic excision/fulguration

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Laparoscopic and Open Surgery...Medicare EOB
Ureteral tumors

- Laparoscopic nephrectomy and total ureterectomy
- Trans-abdominal open bladder cuff excision & intramural ureterectomy
## C/D: Cancer Bladder

**Chapter 2**

### ICD-9

- 188.0 malignant neoplasm of bladder, trigone
- 188.1 – dome
- 188.2 – lateral wall
- 188.3 – anterior wall
- 188.4 – posterior wall
- 188.5 – bladder neck
- 188.6 – ureteric orifice
- 188.7 – urachus
- 188.8 – other specified site
- 188.9 – bladder part unspecified

### ICD-10

- C67.0 – malignant neoplasm of bladder, trigone
- C67.1 – dome
- C67.2 – lateral wall
- C67.3 – anterior wall
- C67.4 – posterior wall
- C67.5 – bladder neck
- C67.6 – ureteric orifice
- C67.7 – urachus
- C67.8 – other specific site
- C67.9 – bladder part, unspecified
Coding for Bladder Tumors
TUR of Solitary Bladder Tumor

• MPFSDB (Fee) is based on Tumor Size:
  – 52224  < 0.5cm.  *minor*  $200*
  – 52234  0.5 – 2cm.  *small*  $246
  – 52235  2 – 5cm.  *medium*  $290
  – 52240  > 5cm.  *large*  $394

• MPFSDB - 52224-52240 have *Zero* day globals

* 2014 Utah Medicare fee schedule
Treatment of Flat Bladder Lesions

Carcinoma in Situ 233.7, 596.7, 239.4
ICD-10-CM D09.8, N32.89, D49.4,

• **Lesion Fulguration:**
  – 52224, 52234, 52235, 52240

• **Bladder Biopsy:**
  - Code 52204(+/- Fulguration)
Treatment of Bladder Tumors

Multiple Bladder Tumors (MCM-15310)

• **Medicare:** (52234, 52235, and 52240)
  - Code only for the **Largest tumor** removed
  - Charge only one of the above codes per day
  - Use 52224 - 59 for second lesion < 0.5cm.
  - Use 52204 - 59 for biopsy only

• **Private:**
  - **Add size of** all tumors & bill on total **Volume**
    - May also code for a biopsy
Treatment of Bladder Tumors

**Multiple Flat Lesions**
Carcinoma in Situ  233.7, 596.7, 239.4

- **Lesion Fulguration**:(52234, 52235, 52240)

  Medicare: Code the **largest** lesion fulgurated, and Code 52224-59 for a second lesion < 0.5 cm. Do not code for biopsy(ies)

  Private: Code **total volume fulgurated**
Bladder Oncological Coding
Bladder Instillation/Lavage

• **51720** Intravesical chemotherapy
  include 51701, 51702
  included in 51703
Chemo Bladder Instillation

• Instillation 51720

• Drug
  • BCG J9301
  • Mutamycin (20 mg.) J9290
  • Thiotepa J9340
  • Interferon A J9214

• Pays for administration every 7 days
• Dx- Carcinoma in situ of bladder 233.7 [ D09.8 ]
• Do not bill an E & M service with modifier -25
Bladder Oncological Coding
Bladder Instillation, 51720, after TURB

• Drug administered in OR after a TURB
  – Do not bill, integral part of TURB procedure
  – CPT...52240 (51720 is bundled into all TURB codes)

• Outside of OR (i.e. same day on floor or RR)
  – If performed by surgeon, (not resident, RN, or PA)
  – CPT...52240 + 51720-59
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MRI-assisted Transrectal Ultrasound Fusion Guided Prostatic Biopsy

AUA Suggested Coding:

• 76872  Trus
• 55700  Transrectal Prostate biopsy
• 76942  Sonographic guidance
• 76498  unlisted MRI
• 76376  3D rendering
Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy

55866

- *Laparoscopy, surgical prostatectomy, retropubic radical, including nerve sparing, includes robotic assistance, when performed*

  • S2900 no longer a valid billable service
  • 51999 no longer valid to bill

Additional billings:

  • 38771 code for bilateral laparoscopic node dissection
  • 38772 code for bilateral laparoscopic extended node resection
Laparoscopic Urethral/Bladder Surgery

51990 ...laparoscopy, surgical; urethral suspension for stress incontinence,...*laparoscopic* Marshall Marchetti Krantz or Burch procedures

2014 Clinical Scenario

- Procedure: Robotic/laparoscopic radical prostatectomy, robotic/laparoscopic bilateral lymph node resection, and robotic/laparoscopic Marshall, Marchetti, and Krantz (MMK) urethropexy:

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Reference: *CPT Assistant, August 2012, Volume 22, Issue 8*
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C/D : Cancer Testicle
Chapter 2

ICD-9

- 186.0 malignant neoplasm of testes, undescended
- 186.9 malignant neoplasm of testis unspecified, descended, scrotal

ICD-10

- C62.01 malignant neoplasm undescended R testis
- C62.02...undescended L testis
- C62.10 ...descended testis unspecified side
- C62.11...descended R testis
- C62.12...descended L testis
- C62.90...testis unspecified, unspecified side
- C62.91...R testis unspecified
- C62.92...L testis unspecified
2014 Urology Oncology Coding Change
Testicular Tumors

• Post chemotherapy/post-radiation RLND

– Code this procedure based on tumor size
  (instead of CPT code 38780 RLND...$1,035)
  • 49203 Excision or destruction, open intra-abdominal tumors...largest tumor 5 cm diameter or less...$1,212
  • 49204...largest tumor 5.1 -10.0 cm diameter...$1,549
  • 49205...largest tumor greater than 10.0 cm diameter...
    ...$1,782

Source: 2014 Utah Medicare fee schedule
Coding Questions now??
Or Call Me Later - I’d be Happy to Help!

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