

ICD-10-PCS New for 2016

The 2016 ICD-10-PCS information, effective October 1, 2015, is now available for download at:
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2016-ICD-10-PCS-and-GEMs.html>

Included are:

- 2016 Official ICD-10-PCS Coding Guidelines
- PCS Code Tables and Index
- 2016 General Equivalence Mappings (GEMs)
- More...

In response to public comment the Guidelines contain the following changes (new/deleted phrases printed in **red**):

- *Multiple procedures B3.2*
 - b. The same root operation is repeated **in multiple body parts, and those body parts are separate and distinct body parts classified to a single ICD-10-PCS body part value.**
- *Biopsy procedures B3.4a*
 - Biopsy procedures are coded using the root operations Excision, Extraction, or Drainage and the qualifier Diagnostic. **~~The qualifier Diagnostic is used only for biopsies.~~**
- *Inspection procedures B3.11b*
 - If multiple tubular body parts are inspected, the most distal body part **(the body part furthest from the starting point of the inspection)** is coded. If multiple non-tubular body parts in a region are inspected, the body part that specifies the entire area inspected is coded.
- **B4. Body Part** *General guidelines B4.1b*
 - If the prefix “peri” is combined with a body part to identify the site of the procedure, **and the site of the procedure is not further specified**, then the procedure is coded to the body part named. **This guideline applies only when a more specific body part value is not available.**
 - Examples: A procedure site identified as perirenal is coded to the kidney body part **when the site of the procedure is not further specified. A procedure site described in the documentation as peri-urethral, and the documentation also indicates that it is the vulvar tissue and not the urethral tissue that is the site of the procedure, then the procedure is coded to the vulva body part.**

Note: Entirely new Section has been added!

- **New Technology Section Guidelines (section X)**

- **D. New Technology Section General guidelines D1**
 - Section X codes are standalone codes. They are not supplemental codes. Section X codes fully represent the specific procedure described in the code title, and do not require any additional codes from other sections of ICD-10-PCS. When section X contains a code title which describes a specific new technology procedure, only that X code is reported for the procedure. There is no need to report a broader, non-specific code in another section of ICD-10-PCS.

Example: XW04321 Introduction of Ceftazidime-Avibactam Anti-infective into Central Vein, Percutaneous Approach, New Technology Group 1, can be coded to indicate that Ceftazidime-Avibactam Anti-infective was administered via a central vein. A separate code from table 3E0 in the Administration section of ICD-10-PCS is not coded in addition to this code.

Structure of the New Section

The **first character** in the code determines the broad procedure category, or Section

- All codes in Section X, New Technology, begin with the letter X

The **second character** in the New Technology Section defines the body system—the general physiological system or anatomical region involved. Currently the Body System choices are:

- **2** Cardiovascular System
- **R** Joints
- **W** Anatomical Regions

The **third character** in the New Technology Section defines the root operation, or the objective of the procedure. The New Technology Section uses the same root operation values as their counterparts in other sections of ICD-10-PCS. Current Root Operation choices are:

- **Extirpation:** Taking or cutting out solid matter from a body part
- **Monitoring:** Determining the level of a physiological or physical function repetitively over a period of time
- **Introduction:** Putting in or on a therapeutic, diagnostic, nutritional, physiological, or prophylactic substance except blood or blood products

The **fourth character** in the New Technology Section defines the body part, or specific anatomical site, where the procedure was performed. The New Technology Section uses the same body part values that are used in other sections of ICD-10-PCS

Current Body Part choices are:

- **0** Coronary Artery, One Site
- **1** Coronary Artery, Two Sites
- **2** Coronary Artery, Three Sites
- **3** Coronary Artery, Four or More Sites
- **G** Knee Joint, Right
- **H** Knee Joint, Left
- **3** Peripheral Vein
- **4** Central Vein

The **fifth character** in the New Technology Section represents the technique used to reach the site of the procedure. The New Technology Section uses the same approach values as their closest counterparts in other sections of ICD-10-PCS. Current Approach choices are:

- External
- Open
- Percutaneous
- Percutaneous Endoscopic
- Via Natural or Artificial Opening
- Via Natural or Artificial Opening Endoscopic
- Via Natural or Artificial Opening With Percutaneous Endoscopic Assistance

The **sixth character** in the New Technology Section represents a Device / Substance /Technology which contains a general description of the key feature of the new technology.

- *Example:* Ceftazidime-Avibactam Anti-infective is an example of a new technology substance

The **seventh character** in the New Technology Section defines a qualifier for the code. In the New Technology Section it is used exclusively to indicate the New Technology Group. It is a number or letter that changes each year that new technology codes are added to the system. It allows the ICD-10-PCS to “recycle” the values in the third, fourth, and sixth characters as needed.

Scenario: Infusion of ceftazidime via peripheral venous catheter **XW03321**

What does the coder know?

- Infusion codes to root operation Introduction
- The body part is a peripheral vein
- The substance is ceftazidime
- A separate code from table 3E0 in the Administration section of ICD-10-PCS is not coded



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Ceftazidime-Avibactam Anti-infective XW0



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Section	X	New Technology
Body System	W	Anatomical Regions
Operation	0	Introduction: Putting in or on a therapeutic, diagnostic, nutritional, physiological, or prophylactic substance except blood or blood products

Body Part	Approach	Device / Substance / Technology	Qualifier
3 Peripheral Vein  4 Central Vein	3 Percutaneous	2 Ceftazidime-Avibactam Anti-infective  3 Idarucizumab, Dabigatran Reversal Agent 4 Isavuconazole Anti-infective 5 Blinatumomab Antineoplastic Immunotherapy	1 New Technology Group 1

Note: The coder must be guided by documentation in the medical record of each individual case to make the correct code selections.