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2007 Book Errata

Page 11 – The last two lines of the last paragraph should read:
> If you insert a temporary pacemaker at the time of AV node ablation, report only code **93650** for the ablation. If you perform AV node ablation without placement of a temporary pacemaker, you still report the same code, **93650**.

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Page 93 – In the table, the S&I codes for both the *Open aortic angioplasty* procedure and the *Transluminal balloon angioplasty, percutaneous; aortic* procedure should be **75966** (visceral angioplasty) instead of 75962 (peripheral angioplasty). The Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) indicates on page 304 of its 2007 *Interventional Radiology Coding User's Guide* that angioplasty of the aorta is reported with S&I code 75966. However, in the *CPT Code Book*, CPT code 75992, *Transluminal atherectomy, each additional peripheral artery, radiological supervision and interpretation*, is cross walked to 35481 and 35491, aortic atherectomy. Code 75995, Transluminal atherectomy, visceral, radiological supervision and interpretation, is only cross walked to codes 35480 and 35490, atherectomy of renal or other visceral artery. We have decided to follow the SIR's recommendation for angioplasty since the *CPT Code Book* does not provide specific guidance for aortic angioplasty coding. This is a grey zone for coding at this time.