



Dr Z's Medical Coding Series: Interventional Radiology Coding Reference: 2007 Edition

2007 Book Errata

Page 172, paragraph 2, line 5 – (37204, 75984) should be (37204, 75894)

Page 209 – 213 – *Arteriovenous (AV) Shunt Interventions*: On April 13, 2007, the Society of Interventional Radiology released coding guidelines for the use of codes G0392 and G0393. Their recommendation is to only use these codes for angioplasties performed within the graft/fistula. Angioplasties performed in the inflow or outflow vessels are reported with the existing codes to describe these services, 35475 and 35476, respectively. These new guidelines revise the coding recommendations for the case examples on page 213.

Case 1 – no changes

Case 2 – revised codes are 36140, 36145-59, 75790, 36870, 35475 (instead of G0392), 75962, 35476 (instead of G0393), 75978

Case 3 – no changes

In addition, *Coding Instruction 5* is revised to state:

Use codes G0393/75978 for venoplasty of the venous anastomosis or in the graft itself. Use codes G0392/75962 when an angioplasty of the arterial anastomosis is performed and a venoplasty has not been performed in the shunt or at the venous anastomosis, as this is considered one vessel for coding purposes. Use codes 35475/75962 for arterial angioplasty outside of the graft zone (Zone 1) in the upper extremity and codes 35476/75978 for venoplasty outside of Zone 1. Only one “G” code (G0392 or G0393) would be reported per patient per encounter.

Delete *Coding Instruction 8*

Page 174 – I have revised my recommendation for the coding of iliac vein filter placement. In the 2007 *Dr. Z's Medical Coding Series* I recommend CPT code 37660 for

this procedure. Prior (2003) society guidelines recommended 37660 for “Iliac filter implantation (Iliac filter).” In CPT, code 37660 describes “ligation of common iliac vein.” As a filter is a percutaneous procedure and we are not actually ligating the iliac vein (open surgical procedure) we recommend a change to our prior guidance. CPT code 37660 is a Status Indicator C which allows it to only be performed on an inpatient. This procedure, when performed percutaneously, is safely performed on an outpatient basis.

To report iliac vein filter placement there are two options available:

Report it with CPT codes 37620 and 75940 (placement of IVC filter). The filter is placed in the iliac vein for the same reason it is placed in the vena cava: to prevent thrombus from traveling from the leg to the lung. Due to anatomical or pathological considerations the filter may need to be placed in the iliac vein instead of the vena cava. Often the tip of the filter will actually extend into the IVC.

Report it with CPT code 37799 (unlisted vascular surgery procedure).

I have found no further guidelines from any of the medical societies, Medicare contractors or the American Hospital Association on how to code for this procedure. It will remain in a grey zone until there is further guidance.