CPT® Coding Summary



Punch, ENFD Biopsy

Global Period: 0 days

CPT® 11104 Punch biopsy of skin (including simple closure when performed), single lesion

If multiple punches are performed: Use CPT® 11104 for first punch and also use CPT® 11105 for each additional punch. Do not append 59, 51, or X modifier to CPT® 11105 because it is an "add-on" code.

Shave Biopsy Global Period: 0 days

CPT® 11102 Tangential biopsy of skin (e.g. shave, scoop, saucerize, curette, single lesion)

If multiple tangential biopsies performed: Use CPT® 11102 for first tangential biopsy and also use CPT® 11103 for each additional tangential biopsy. Do not append 59, 51, or X modifier to CPT® 11103 because it is an "add-on" code.

Incisional Biopsy Global Period: 0 days

Codes may apply when a small part of a larger skin lesion is sampled for histopathology.

CPT® 11106 Incisional biopsy of skin (e.g. wedge), (including simple closure when performed), single lesion

If multiple incisional biopsies are performed: Use CPT® 11106 for the first incisional biopsy and also use CPT® 11107 for each additional incisional biopsy. Do not append 59, 51, or X modifier to CPT® 11106 because it is an "add-on" code.

Fine Needle Aspiration Biopsy

Global Period: 0 days

Codes may apply when sampling cells from a deep seated subcutaneous mass for diagnosis (e.g. lipoma, ganglion cyst, soft tissue neoplasm) by fine needle aspiration.

CPT® 10021 Fine needle aspiration; without imaging guidance; first lesion

If multiple fine needle aspirations without imaging guidance are performed: Use CPT® 10021 for the first and also use CPT® 10004 for each additional. Do not append 59, 51, or X modifier to CPT® 10004 because it is an "add-on" code

CPT® 10005 Fine needle aspiration biopsy, including ultrasound guidance; first lesion

If multiple fine needle aspirations with ultrasound guidance are performed: Use CPT® 10005 for the first and also use CPT® 10006 for each additional. Do not append 59, 51, or X modifier to CPT® 10006 because it is an "add-on" code.

Nail Unit Biopsy Global Period: 0 days

Code may apply for inflammatory or neoplastic lesions of the nail unit (plate and bed/matrix). This code connotes more than simple "distal clipping of nail" and should not be used for routine nail debridement.

CPT® 11755 Biopsy of nail unit (e.g. plate, bed, matrix, hyponychium, proximal and lateral nail folds)

CPT® Coding Summary

Bone Biopsy, Trocar or Needle

Global Period: 0 days

Code may apply when superficial bone tissue is sampled.

CPT® 20220 Biopsy, bone, trocar, or needle; superficial

Bone Biopsy, Open

Global Period: 10 days

Code may apply when superficial bone tissue is sampled.

CPT® 20240 Biopsy, bone, open; superficial

Skin Excision Codes

Global Period: 10 days

CPT®1140X Excision, **benign** lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed elsewhere), trunk, arms,

or legs

CPT®1142X Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed elsewhere), scalp, neck,

hands, feet, genitalia

Lesion Site/ Excised Diameter	0.1 - 0.5 cm	0.6 - 1.0 cm	1.1 - 2.0 cm	2.1 - 3.0 cm	3.1 - 4.0 cm	> 4.0 cm
LEG	CPT® 11400	CPT® 11401	CPT® 11402	CPT® 11403	CPT® 11404	CPT® 11406
FOOT	CPT® 11420	CPT® 11421	CPT® 11422	CPT® 11423	CPT® 11424	CPT® 11425

CPT® 1160X Excision, malignant lesion including margins, trunk, arms, or legs

CPT® 1162X Excision, malignant lesion including margins, scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitalia

Lesion Site/ Excised Diameter	0.1 - 0.5 cm	0.6 - 1.0 cm	1.1 - 2.0 cm	2.1 - 3.0 cm	3.1 - 4.0 cm	> 4.0 cm
LEG	CPT® 11600	CPT® 11601	CPT® 11602	CPT® 11603	CPT® 11604	CPT® 11606
FOOT	CPT® 11620	CPT® 11621	CPT® 11622	CPT® 11623	CPT® 11624	CPT® 11625

Skin Excision via Shaving Codes

Global Period: 0 days

CPT® 1130X Shaving of epidermal or dermal lesion, single lesion

Lesion Site/ Excised Diameter	0.1 - 0.5 cm	0.6 - 1.0 cm	1.1 - 2.0 cm	> 2.0 cm
LEG	CPT® 11300	CPT® 11301	CPT® 11302	CPT® 11303
FOOT	CPT® 11305	CPT® 11306	CPT® 11307	CPT® 11308

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