

CPT Coding Summary



Punch, ENFD, Curettage Biopsy

Global Period: 0 days

Code may apply when a small part of a much larger skin lesion is sampled for histopathology. Code should be applied, but not be limited, to punch biopsy, ENFD biopsy, curettage, and scissor biopsy.

CPT 11100 Biopsy of skin, subcutaneous tissue and/or mucous membrane (including simple closure), unless otherwise listed; single lesion

If multiple lesions biopsied: Use CPT 11100 for first punch and also use CPT 11101 for each additional punch. Does not require: 59, 51, or X modifier on CPT 11101 because it is an “add-on” code.

Shave Biopsy

Global Period: 0 days

Codes may apply when superficial skin lesions, such as large flat tumors or infiltrative tumors which must be scooped out (macules, papules, plaques), are sampled by shave or saucerization technique. Code selection depends on location and size of lesion.

CPT 11100 Biopsy of skin, subcutaneous tissue and/or mucous membrane (including simple closure), unless otherwise listed; single lesion

Lesion site / 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

Fine Needle Aspiration Biopsy

Global Period: 0 days

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

CPT 10021 Fine needle aspiration; **without** imaging guidance

CPT 10022 Fine needle aspiration; **with** imaging guidance

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 or onychomycosis screening.

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

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

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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), legs

CPT 1142X Excision, **benign** lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed elsewhere), feet

Lesion site / excised diameter	0.1 - 0.5 cm	0.6 - 1.0 cm	1.1 - 2.0 cm	2.0 - 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, except skin tag (unless listed elsewhere), legs

CPT 1162X Excision, **malignant** lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed elsewhere), feet

Lesion site / excised diameter	0.1 - 0.5 cm	0.6 - 1.0 cm	1.1 - 2.0 cm	2.0 - 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

Tissue Transfer / Rearrangement Codes

Global Period: 90 days

CPT 14020 Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, legs; defect 10 sq cm or less

CPT 14021 Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, legs; defect 10.1 sq cm - 30.0 sq cm

CPT 14040 Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, feet; defect 10 sq cm or less

CPT 14041 Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, feet; defect 10.1 sq cm to 30.0 sq cm

CPT 14301 Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, any area; defect 30.1 sq cm to 60.0 sq cm

CPT 14302 Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, any area; each additional 30.0 sq cm, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure: add-on code)

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