



# Rational Physician Coding for Critical Care and Other Timed Services

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## Goals

- Identify the types of patient encounters which may be coded based on time
- Understand how to calculate and report time spent
- Learn the documentation required for these encounters

## Time-Based Services

- Critical Care
- E/M encounters (optional)
- Prolonged Services
- Discharge Services

### Critical Care

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

take place in the intensive care unit



## Critical Care Physician Services

- Critical care services require direct physician supervision of the patient in the patient's condition

## Services Included with Critical Care

[Redacted]

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Anything NOT included in this list should be billed separately (Modifier 25 must be added to the critical care service)

### Examples

- Endotracheal intubation (31500)
- CPR (92950)
- Swan Ganz catheter (93503)
- Central line (36556)

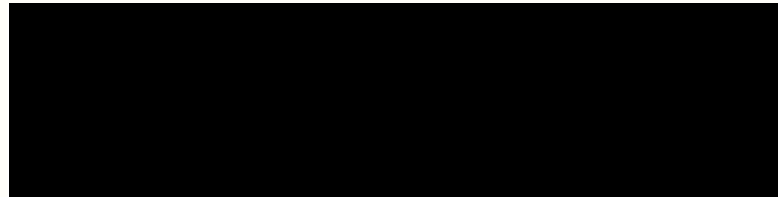
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## Coding for Critical Care

Two time-based codes

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- Reported for 2,636,587 encounters in 2004 for \$528,971,410



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## 99292

- Used to bill for each [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] multiple times per day

## Critical Care is a Time-Based Service

Total Duration of Critical Care	CPT 4 Codes
a) Less than	[REDACTED]
b) 30 - 74 mi	[REDACTED]
c) 75 - 104 m	[REDACTED]
d) 105 - 134	[REDACTED]
e) 135 - 164	[REDACTED]
f) 165 - 194	[REDACTED]

## Calculating Critical Care Time

- side or [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

## Critical Care Documentation

- Must document [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

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## A Day in the Life of Critical Care

- You admit a patient with CHF
- Later that day you are paged stat and find the patient somnolent, hypotens [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] stabilizing the patient on the floor and transfer him to the ICU
- You spend another 21 minutes [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] wife
- How would you code and document this encounter?

## Services Provided

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

## Coding for this Patient

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\*Significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management service by the same physician on the same day of the procedure or other Service”

### Interval History

CTSP stat following admission [redacted] today for CHF exacerbation. Pt found unresponsive and hypoxic [redacted]

[redacted]

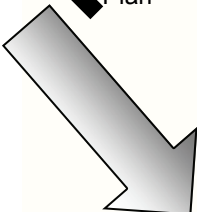
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[redacted] failure

4. ARF

### Plan

1. Continue Dobutamine gtt
2. Continue Bumex gtt
3. Recheck renal profile stat
4. 2 amps of [redacted]



[redacted]

on ETI and CPR

## Critical Care Coding Pearls

- Add up

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## Time-Based E/M Services

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## E/M Services Based on Time

- Strictly [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of

the history, physical exam and MDM

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# Prolonged Services

- Prolonged services codes [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted] and billed in addition to the E/M encounter
- May be used in either the outpatient [redacted]

## What is a Prolonged Service?

- [redacted]

## Calculating Time for Prolonged Services

- Clock starts ticking only [redacted] an E/M encounter
- Time must be [redacted]
- [redacted] continuous

## Outpatient Prolonged Services

- [redacted] 9905
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]



## Example of Prolonged Services

- In the morning you perform and document a level [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- What would be the best way to code for these services?

## Optimal Coding This Encounter

E/M Code	History	Exam	MDM	Time
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## Documenting Prolonged Services

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## Discharge Services



## Inpatient Discharge Services



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## Documenting Discharge Services



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