



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

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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)

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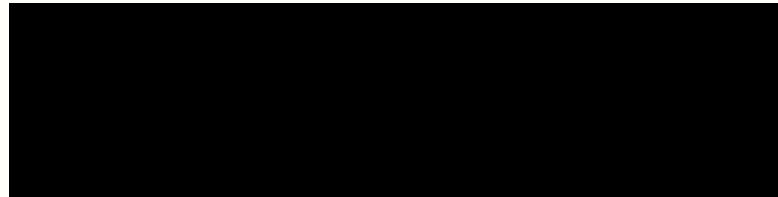
- Examples**
- Endotracheal intubation (31500)
 - CPR (92950)
 - Swan Ganz catheter (93503)
 - Central line (36556)

Coding for Critical Care

Two time-based codes

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



Revised Version

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- Used to bill for each [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 readmitted today for CHF exacerbation. Pt found unresponsive and hypoxic

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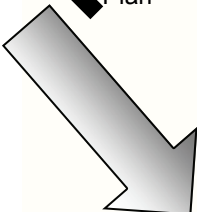
[REDACTED]

[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

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E/M Services Based on Time

- Strictly [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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the history, physical exam and MDM

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Prolonged Services

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

What is a Prolonged Service?

- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[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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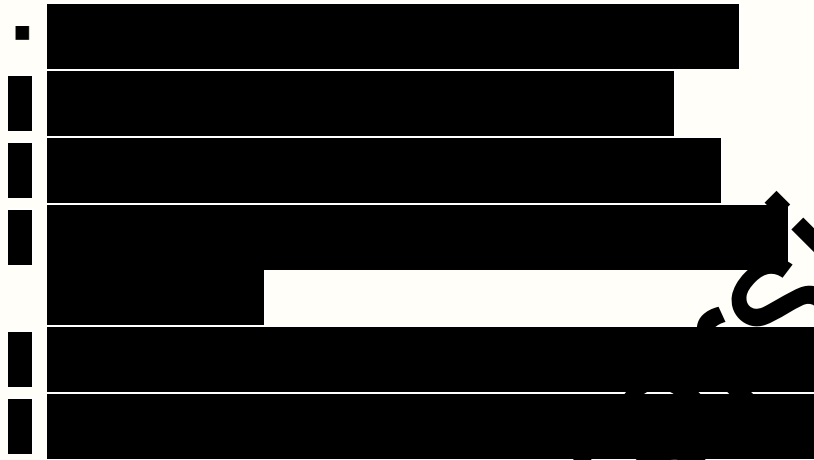
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Discharge Services



Inpatient Discharge Services



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