



ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee Meeting  
Department of Health and Human Services  
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ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee Meeting Updates

This document provides updated guidance on the interim coding advice that was recommended for *Topic #04 - Insertion of Palladium-103 Radioactive Implant* discussed during the meeting.

On page 32 of the Agenda packet the Interim Coding Advice is currently displayed as follows:

**Interim Coding Advice:** Continue to code as above under Current Coding.

On page 31 of the Agenda packet the current coding is currently displayed as follows:

**Current Coding:** There are no unique ICD-10-PCS codes to describe insertion of the Palladium-103 radioactive collagen tile implant. Code the procedure in table 00H, Insertion, Central Nervous System and Cranial Nerves, using the device value 1 Radioactive Element, applied to the body part value 0 Brain and the approach value 0 Open.

<i>Section</i> <b>0</b> Medical and Surgical			
<i>Body System</i> <b>0</b> Central Nervous System and Cranial Nerves			
<i>Operation</i> <b>H</b> Insertion: Putting in a nonbiological appliance that monitors, assists, performs, or prevents a physiological function but does not physically take the place of a body part			
<i>Body Part</i>	<i>Approach</i>	<i>Device</i>	<i>Qualifier</i>
<b>0</b> Brain	<b>0</b> Open	<b>1</b> Radioactive Element <b>2</b> Monitoring Device <b>3</b> Infusion Device <b>4</b> Radioactive Element, Cesium-131 Collagen Implant <b>M</b> Neurostimulator Lead <b>Y</b> Other Device	<b>Z</b> No Qualifier

It was brought to our attention by a commenter that consistent with ICD-10-PCS Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting guideline D1.a, brachytherapy with implantation of a brachytherapy source left in the body at the end of the procedure should also be coded to the applicable treatment site in section D, Radiation Therapy, with the modality Brachytherapy, and the applicable modality qualifier value, isotope value and qualifier value to identify the specific modality and isotope of the brachytherapy.

We are therefore correcting the current coding and interim advice to reflect the appropriate codes that should be reported to describe insertion of the Palladium-103 radioactive collagen tile implant.

We are correcting current coding for this request to the following:

**Current Coding:** There are no unique ICD-10-PCS codes to describe insertion of the Palladium-103 radioactive collagen tile implant. Code the procedure in table 00H, Insertion, Central Nervous System and Cranial Nerves, using the device value 1 Radioactive Element, applied to the body part value 0 Brain and the approach value 0 Open.

<i>Section</i> <b>0</b> Medical and Surgical			
<i>Body System</i> <b>0</b> Central Nervous System and Cranial Nerves			
<i>Operation</i> <b>H</b> Insertion: Putting in a nonbiological appliance that monitors, assists, performs, or prevents a physiological function but does not physically take the place of a body part			
<i>Body Part</i>	<i>Approach</i>	<i>Device</i>	<i>Qualifier</i>
<b>0</b> Brain	<b>0</b> Open	<b>1</b> Radioactive Element <b>2</b> Monitoring Device <b>3</b> Infusion Device <b>4</b> Radioactive Element, Cesium-131 Collagen Implant <b>M</b> Neurostimulator Lead <b>Y</b> Other Device	<b>Z</b> No Qualifier

Facilities would also identify the Palladium-103 brachytherapy isotope with the appropriate code from the Radiation Therapy section table D01, Brachytherapy of the Central and Peripheral Nervous system.

<i>Section</i> <b>D</b> Radiation Therapy			
<i>Body System</i> <b>0</b> Central and Peripheral Nervous System			
<i>Operation</i> <b>1</b> Brachytherapy			
<i>Treatment Site</i>	<i>Modality Qualifier</i>	<i>Isotope</i>	<i>Qualifier</i>
<b>0</b> Brain <b>1</b> Brain Stem <b>6</b> Spinal Cord <b>7</b> Peripheral Nerve	<b>9</b> High Dose Rate (HDR)	<b>7</b> Cesium 137 (Cs-137) <b>8</b> Iridium 192 (Ir-192) <b>9</b> Iodine 125 (I-125) <b>B</b> Palladium 103 (Pd-103) <b>C</b> Californium 252 (Cf-252) <b>Y</b> Other Isotope	<b>Z</b> None
<b>0</b> Brain <b>1</b> Brain Stem <b>6</b> Spinal Cord <b>7</b> Peripheral Nerve	<b>B</b> Low Dose Rate (LDR)	<b>6</b> Cesium 131 (Cs-131) <b>7</b> Cesium 137 (Cs-137) <b>8</b> Iridium 192 (Ir-192) <b>9</b> Iodine 125 (I-125) <b>C</b> Californium 252 (Cf-252) <b>Y</b> Other Isotope	<b>Z</b> None
<b>0</b> Brain <b>1</b> Brain Stem <b>6</b> Spinal Cord <b>7</b> Peripheral Nerve	<b>B</b> Low Dose Rate (LDR)	<b>B</b> Palladium 103 (Pd-103)	<b>1</b> Unidirectional Source <b>Z</b> None

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Below we provide the CMS responses to questions or comments submitted for the procedure code topics using the “Q&A” feature during the September 12, 2023 virtual ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee Meeting.

**Question:** In reviewing the meeting materials for the Computer-aided Anesthesia and Oxygen Delivery System, it states that “the underlying “fuzzy logic” software of Et Control drives the semi-closed loop titration of oxygen and anesthetic from the anesthesia machine.” What is “fuzzy logic”?

**Response:** Fuzzy logic is a type of software that uses multiple input variables to control machine outputs.

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

**Question:** I may have missed this at the beginning of the session this morning. When will the ICD-10-PCS codes discussed at the ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee Meeting possibly be implemented?

**CMS Response:** As reflected in the Agenda packet, the ICD-10-PCS code proposals presented on September 12, 2023 are being considered for implementation on either April 1, 2024 or October 1, 2024. If any portion of the meeting was missed, the link to the recording from the procedure code portion of the September 12, 2023 ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee Meeting is available at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding-billing/icd-10-codes/icd-10-coordination-maintenance-committee-materials>.

October 13, 2023 is the deadline for receipt of public comments on proposed new procedure codes and revisions discussed at the September 12, 2023 ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee meeting being considered for implementation on April 1, 2024. November 15, 2023 is the deadline for receipt of public comments on proposed new procedure codes and revisions discussed at the September 12, 2023 ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee meeting being considered for implementation on October 1, 2024.

**Question:** How do we get certificates of attendance to get Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for attending today?

**CMS Response:** CMS does not provide certificates of attendance for ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance (C&M) Committee Meetings. After registering to attend the September 12-13, 2023 ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee meeting, a confirmation email

containing information about joining the webinar as proof of registration should have been received.

As reflected on page 6 of the Agenda packet, CEUs may be awarded by the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) or the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) for participation. If you have any questions concerning obtaining your continuing education credits, please contact the respective organization, not CMS.

**Question:**

Where can we get the Agenda and meeting materials?

**CMS Response:**

The Final Agenda and meeting materials for the procedure code topics discussed during the virtual meeting on September 12, 2023 are available on the CMS website at

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding-billing/icd-10-codes/icd-10-coordination-maintenance-committee-materials>.

The Agenda packet for the diagnosis code topics discussed during the virtual meeting on September 12-13, 2023 is available on the CDC website at [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm\\_maintenance.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm_maintenance.htm).

We encourage attendees to join our ICD-10 subscriber list to receive information such as when meeting materials have been made available and other ICD-10 related updates.

**Question:**

How do I join the ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee Meetings subscriber list?

**CMS Response:**

Instructions for joining the ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Subscriber GovDelivery list were included in the September 12, 2023 Agenda packet for the procedure code topics and are also available in the Downloads section of the CMS webpage at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/ICD-10-Coordination-and-Maintenance-Committee-Meetings>.