



# ICD-10-PCS Flash Cards

## Instruction Sheet

Thank you for your purchase of AHIMA's ICD-10-PCS flash cards. The following information will provide you with an overview of what is included in the 55-card pack.

### Medical and Surgical Section Root Operation Cards (31)

- These cards are color-coded according to the following root operation groupings:
  - **Light Blue**—Procedures that take out some or all of a body part (Excision, Resection, Extraction, Destruction, Detachment)
  - **Purple**—Procedures that put in/put back or move some/all of a body part (Transplantation, Reattachment, Reposition, Transfer)
  - **Medium Blue**—Procedures that take out or eliminate solid matter, fluids, or gases from a body part (Drainage, Extirpation, Fragmentation)
  - **Magenta**—Procedures that involve only examination of body parts and regions (Inspection, Map)
  - **Orange**—Procedures that alter the diameter/route of a tubular body part (Bypass, Dilation, Occlusion, Restriction)
  - **Teal**—Procedures that always involve devices (Insertion, Replacement, Supplement, Removal, Change, Revision)
  - **Red**—Procedures involving cutting or separation only (Division, Release)
  - **Dark Blue**—Procedures that define other repairs (Control, Repair)
  - **Yellow**—Procedures that define other objectives (Alteration, Creation, Fusion)
- The front of each of these cards includes the root operation (for example, Excision), followed by the related character value (such as, B), and an image of an example procedure.
- The back of each of these cards includes the definition, explanation, and examples.

### Section Cards (17)

- There are 17 sections within ICD-10-PCS (for example, Medical and Surgical, Obstetrics, Chiropractic) with each of these sections having unique root operations and character descriptions.
- The front of each of these cards includes the section value (such as 0) and a description of each of the seven characters.
- The back of each of these cards includes the applicable root operations and examples (with the exception of the Medical and Surgical Section card because the 31 root operation cards described above include the examples).

### Approach Cards (7)

- The front of each of these cards includes the approach (such as Open), followed by the related character value (such as 0), and an image of an example procedure.
- The back of each of these cards includes the definition, access location, method, type of instrumentation, and examples.



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## Sample Exercises

Thank you for your purchase of AHIMA's ICD-10-PCS flash cards. The following exercises will provide you with a few ideas to make using the flash cards fun and interactive. Please feel free to create your own activities as well!

### Name That Root!

**Players:** Two or more (each with a set of flash cards)

**Object:** Correctly match the root operation to the procedure

1. Each player retrieves the 31 Root Operation cards from the deck and holds them face-up (with the root operation title and image face-up)
2. Select who will be the judge for the first round (each player will take turns being the judge)
3. The judge will secretly select a Root Operation card and read out loud one of the example procedures (found on the back of each card)
  - **Examples:** Colonoscopy, CABG, Lysis of adhesions
4. Each player will select the root operation that he or she feels correlates with the stated procedure (a time limit may be instituted, if necessary)
  - **Note:** The players are not allowed to flip over their cards and read the descriptions and example procedures on the backs of the cards.
5. When all players have selected the root operation, the judge will determine which player(s) got the correct answer.
6. Each player with the correct root operation will receive one (1) point.
7. The player to the left of the judge will be the judge for round two.
8. Continue the game until a set point limit is met (such as 10, 15, or 20 points)

### The Approach is Right!

**Players:** Two or more (each with a set of flash cards)

**Object:** Correctly match the approach to the procedure in an operative report

1. Gather various operative reports from your facility (or sample cases from a textbook or online)
2. Each player retrieves the seven (7) Approach cards from their deck
3. Each player will read through the operative report and select the appropriate approach(es) for that procedure
  - **Note:** Some operative reports may contain multiple procedures with different approaches
4. After a set amount of time (which will vary depending on the size of the report), each player will disclose the approach(es) he or she selected.
5. If there are discrepancies within the group, review the back of the cards and determine the correct approach.
6. Each player to select the correct approach will receive one (1) point.
7. Continue the game until a set point limit is met (such as 10, 15, or 20 points)