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 54-card pack.

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

16 Section Cards
- There are 16 sections within ICD-10-PCS (e.g., 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 (e.g., 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).

7 Approach Cards
- The front of each of these cards includes the approach (e.g., Open), followed by the related character value (e.g., 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.