

CPT Billing Codes of Common Procedures

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Common Office Skin Procedures						
Destruction of benign lesions	≤14 lesions	17110	Chemo denervation of eccrine glands	Axillae	64650	
	≥15 lesions	17111		Non-axillae areas	64653	
Cryosurgery of actinic keratosis	First lesion	17000	OnabotulinumtoxinA	Units + qty	J0585	
	2-14 lesions + qty	17003		Triamcinolone injections (any location)	≤ 7 lesions	11900
	≥ 15 lesions	17004			≥ 8 lesions	11901
Irritated/Inflamed skin tag removals (any method)	≤ 15 lesions	11200	Triamcinolone	Each 10 mg + qty	J3301	
	Each addl 10 + qty	11201	Phototherapy	Photodynamic (PDT)	96567	
Tangential biopsy	First lesion	11102		UVB	96910	
	Addl lesion + qty	11103		UVA	96912	
Punch biopsy	First lesion	11104	Biopsy of special locations	Lip	40490	
	Addl lesion + qty	11105		Eyelid	67810	
Incisional biopsy	First lesion	11106		External ear	69100	
	Addl lesion + qty	11107		Mouth	40808	
Nail procedures	First partial or complete nail plate avulsion ± nail biopsy	11730	Miscellaneous	Incisional removal of foreign body (e.g., splinter)	10120	
	Addl nail plate removals	11732		Vulvar area abscess	56405	
	Permanent removal of nail bed with matrix ablation	11750		Acne surgery (marsupialization, milia removal, cysts, comedones, pustules)	10040	
	Nail unit biopsy (not for clippings for PAS/culture)	11755		Single I&D of abscess, furuncle, carbuncle, hidradenitis suppurative lesions, cyst, paronychia	10060	



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Quantity (qty) - Applies when there are multiple applications of a code

1. Skin tags: 35 removed = 11200 (15 lesions), 11201 + 2 qty (2x10 = 20 additional lesions)
2. Botox 20 units = J0585 + 20 qty
3. Triamcinolone: 2 ml of 10 mg/ml = J3301 + 2 qty (2x10 = 20 mg)
4. Actinic keratosis: N = number of AKs
 If N = 1, then only 17000
 If N <14, then 17000 for first lesion and 17003 + (N-1) qty
 If N ≥ 15, then only 17004
5. Biopsy: N = number of biopsies
 If N=1, then only 11100
 If N>1, then 11100 and 11101 + (N-1) qty

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Shave removal of epidermal or dermal lesions (not full-thickness dermis)			
	Location		
Diameter of shave (lesion + margin)	Trunk, arms, legs	Scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitals	Face, ears, lids, nose, lips, mucous membrane
<0.5 cm	11300	11305	11310
0.6-1.0 cm	11301	11306	11311
1.1-2.0 cm	11302	11307	11312
>2.0 cm	11303	11308	11313

Destruction & Excision									
Diameter (lesion + margins)	Destruction e.g. ED&C (172--)			Benign skin excisions (114--)			Malignant skin excisions (116--)		
	Trunk, arms, legs (1726-)	Scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitals (1727-)	Face, eyelids, ears, lips, mucosa (1728-)	Trunk, arms, legs (1140-)	Scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitals (1142-)	Face, eyelids, ears, lips, mucosa (1144-)	Trunk, arms, legs (1160-)	Scalp, neck, hands, feet, genitals (1162-)	Face, eyelids, ears, lips, mucosa (1164-)
<0.6 cm [-0]	17260	17270	17280	11400	11420	11440	11600	11620	11640
0.6-1.0 cm [-1]	17261	17271	17281	11401	11421	11441	11601	11621	11641
1.1-2.0 cm [-2]	17262	17272	17282	11402	11422	11442	11602	11622	11642
2.1-3.0 cm [-3]	17263	17273	17283	11403	11423	11443	11603	11623	11643
3.1-4.0 cm [-4]	17264	17274	17284	11404	11424	11444	11604	11624	11644
> 4.0 cm [-6]	17266	17276	17286	11406	11426	11446	11606	11626	11646

Intermediate Closures				
Length of closure	Location			
	Scalp, axillae, trunk, extremities (excluding hands/feet) (1203-)	Neck, hands, feet, external genitalia (1204-)	Length of closure	Face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips, mucous membranes (1205-)
≤2.5 cm [-1]	12031	12041		12051
2.6-7.5 cm [-2]	12032	12042	2.6-5 cm [-2]	12052
			5.1-7.5 cm [-3]	12053
7.6-12.5 cm [-4]	12034	12044		12054
12.6-20 cm [-5]	12035	12045		12055
20.1-30 cm [-6]	12036	12046		12056
>30 cm [-7]	12037	112047		12057

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Complex closures				
Length of closure	Location			
	Trunk	Scalp and extremities	Face, neck, axilla, genitals, and hands	Lids, nose, ears, lips
1.1 - 2.5 cm	13100	13120	13131	13151
2.6 - 7.5 cm	13101	13121	13132	13152
Each additional 5 cm	13102	13122	13133	13153

Mohs & Flaps							
Mohs			Adjacent Tissue Transfer				
Location	Staging			Location			
Head, neck, hands, feet, genitals	First stage up to 5 blocks	17311	Defect size in sq cm	Trunk	Scalp, arms, legs	Face, neck, hands, feet, axillae, genitals	Lids, nose, ears, lips
	Addl stages up to 5 blocks	17312	≤10 cm ²	14000	14020	14040	14060
Trunk, arms, legs	First stage up to 5 blocks	17313	10.1-30 cm ²	14001	14021	14041	14061
	Addl stages up to 5 blocks	17314	30.1-60 cm ²	14301	→	→	→
Any location	Each addl blocks >5 per stage	17315	Each addl 30 cm ²	14302	→	→	→