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QUESTION 1

Which statement regarding lesion excision is TRUE?

- A. Lesion excision codes include removal of a lesion, with margins, and simple (nonlayered) closure when performed
- B. Lesion excision codes are selected by measuring the greatest clinical diameter of a lesion excluding the margins required to complete the excision
- C. Lesion excision codes include removal of a lesion, with margins, and intermediate closure when performed
- D. Lesion excision codes include removal of a lesion with margins, and complex closure when performed

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 2

A 65-year-old man had a right axillary block by the anesthesiologist. When the arm was totally numb, the arm was prepped and draped, and the surgeon performed tendon repairs of the right first, second, and third fingers. The anesthesiologist monitored the patient throughout the case.

What anesthesia code is reported?

- A. 01830
- B. 01820
- C. 01810
- D. 01840

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 3

Mr. Roland has difficulty breathing and congestion with a productive cough. The physician takes frontal and lateral view chest X-rays in the office (the equipment is owned by the physician group). The physician reads the X-rays and determines a diagnosis of walking pneumonia. The physician's interpretation is placed in the patient's chart.

How does the physician bill for the chest X-ray?

- A. 71046-26
- B. 71046-26-TC
- C. 71046-TC
- D. 71046

Correct Answer: A



QUESTION 4

A patient had surgery a year ago to repair two flexor tendons in his forearm. He is in surgery for a secondary repair for the same two tendons.

Which CPT coding is reported?

- A. 25263
- B. 25272 x 2
- C. 25272
- D. 25263 x 2

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 5

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Operative Report

Preoperative Diagnosis: Chronic otitis media in the right ear

Postoperative Diagnosis: Chronic otitis media in the right ear

Procedure: Eustachian tube inflation

Anesthesia: General

Blood Loss: Minimal

Findings: Serous mucoid fluid

Complications: None

Indications: The patient is a 2-year-old who presented to the office with chronic otitis media refractory to medical management. The treatment will be eustachian tube inflation to remove the fluid. Risks, benefits, and alternatives were reviewed

with the family, which include general anesthetic, bleeding, infection, tympanic membrane perforation, routine tubes, and need for additional surgery. The family understood these risks and signed the appropriate consent form.

Procedure in Detail: After the patient was properly identified, he was brought into the operating room and placed supine. The patient was prepped and draped in the usual fashion. General anesthesia was administered via inhalation mask,

and after adequate sedation was achieved, a medium-sized speculum was placed in the right ear and cerumen was removed atraumatically using instrument with operative microscope. The tube is dilated, an incision is made to the tympanum



and thick mucoid fluid was suctioned. The patient was awakened after having tolerated the procedure well and taken to the recovery room in stable condition.

What CPT coding is reported for this case?

A. 69420-RT

B. 69436-RT

C. 69433-RT

D. 69421-RT

Correct Answer: D

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