



Countdown to ICD-10

51 days

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Real Life Case Example

Don't do this:

PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS:

1. Cancer reconstruction, stage III nasal and mid face cancer reconstructions, status post **extirpation** of squamous cell carcinoma

Extirpation: the objective is to remove solid material such as a foreign body, thrombus, or calculus from the body part. Examples of an extirpation procedure include thrombectomy, endarterectomy, choledocholithotomy, and

Do this:

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*Providers: Please simply **describe** your procedure in detail. In this example, the ICD-10 terminology was used incorrectly, therefore a query will be sent to this provider for clarification. The coders will translate the **removal** of squamous cell carcinoma, which codes to **excision**.

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