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Summary



Patient	Doctor	Original RBRVU	TCN's RBRVU	Difference in RBRVU	Unbundled	Missed Procedure	Billed but Not Done	Wrong Code	Modifiers	Ordering or Pairing	Documentation Deficiency	DX
A	---	0.25	0.25	0.00								
B	---	0.60	0.60	0.00								X
C	---	0.25	0.25	0.00								X
D	---	1.94	0.83	+1.11	X		X					
E	---	3.42	3.42	0.00								X
F	---	2.05	2.05	0.00								
G	---	1.84	1.84	0.00								X
H	---	3.42	3.42	0.00								XX
I	---	1.73	1.73	0.00						X		
J	---	0.24	0.24	0.00								XXX
K	---	1.64	0.83	+0.81	X							X
L	---	1.84	3.68	-1.84		X						XX
M	---	1.92	2.12	-0.20				X				X
N	---	0.30	0.30	0.00								
O	---	0.37	0.37	0.00								
P	---	0.50	0.50	0.00								
Q	---	2.39	1.86	+0.53	X							X
R	---	0.77	0.77	0.00								
S	---	1.84	3.68	-1.84		X						
T	---	3.70	3.70	0.00								
U	---	2.96	2.96	0.00								
V	---	1.73	3.24	-1.51		X				X		X
W	---	0.54	0.54	0.00								

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>724.1 Thoracic pain</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>724.1 Thoracic pain 782.0 Numbness, tingling</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed Diagnosis: Additional signs & symptoms were indicated and should be coded. 														

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Patient:		Date of Service: 8/30/07	Physician: B
<u>Original Coding</u>	<u>RVU's</u>	<u>The Coding Network Coding</u>	<u>RVU's</u>
77021-TC-RT	5.51	19103-RT	14.79
19103	14.79	19595-RT	2.50
19102	5.79	77021-TC	5.51
76350	0.00		
19295	2.50		
Total.....	28.59	Total.....	22.80
		<i>Difference +5.79 upcoded</i>	
<u>Diagnoses</u>		<u>Diagnoses</u>	
793.89	Other abnormal findings on radiological examination of breast	793.89	Other abnormal findings on radiological examination of breast
			<u>Discussion</u>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifier: -RT is not necessary on 77021. • Documentation Deficiency: CPT 19103 (biopsy of breast; percutaneous, automated vacuum assisted or rotating biopsy device, using imaging guidance) was performed; however, the documentation should describe the device was a "vacuum assisted or rotating device," and it should be documented in the report as such. • Billed but not done: CPT 19102 is not supported as there is no documentation of a separate lesion. • Modifier: -RT should be added to 19102. • Billed but not done: Code 76350 (subtraction in conjunction with contrast studies) is not documented and should not be billed. • Modifier: -RT should be added to 19295.
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>824.0 Fracture, medial malleolus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>824.8 Fracture, ankle, unspecified 729.81 Soft tissue swelling E887 Fracture injury, cause unspecified</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong Dx: The physician does not specify which bone in the ankle is fractured. The original coding, 824.0 (fracture medial malleolus) is not supported. • Missed Dx: An additional finding of soft tissue swelling, 729.81, was documented but not coded. • Missed Dx: An E code should be used to indicate the fracture's cause. 														

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>789.07 Abdominal pain, generalized</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>789.00 Abdominal pain, unspecified</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong Dx: The original coding 789.07 (generalized abdominal pain) was not supported by the physician documentation. Because the abdominal pain is unspecified, 789.00 should be coded instead. 																

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>808.2 Fracture of pelvis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>808.2 Fracture of pelvis 733.90 Bone disorder, unspecified V10.3 History of breast CA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed Dx: Other findings (733.90 Bone disorder, unspecified) and history (V10.3 History of breast CA) were documented but not coded. 																

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>518.0 Atelectasis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>518.0 Atelectasis 793.2 Abnormal TEE (atrium density)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed Dx: The reason for the test (abnormal TEE, 793.2) should be coded in this case because it is a heart condition not explained by the lung findings, 518.0 atelectasis. 																		

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>789.01 Abdominal pain, RUQ 789.03 Abdominal pain, RLQ</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diagnoses</u></p> <p>789.00 Abdominal pain, unspecified</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong Dx: The original coding 789.01 (Right upper quadrant pain) and 789.03 (Right lower quadrant pain) was not supported by the physician documentation. Because the abdominal pain is unspecified, 789.00 should be coded instead. 																				

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