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**Biopsy Coding in Podiatric Medicine
Common CPT & ICD-9 Codes**

11755: Nail Unit Biopsy

Biopsy of the nail unit (e.g., plate, bed, matrix, hyponychium, proximal and lateral nail folds) (separate procedure)

11100 & 11101: Cutaneous Biopsies

11100: Biopsy of skin, subcutaneous tissue and/or mucous membrane (including simple closure), unless otherwise listed; single lesion.

11101: Each separate/additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (Use 11101 in conjunction with 11100)

11300 Series: Shaving of Epidermal or Dermal Lesions

Shaving is the sharp removal by transverse incision or horizontal slicing to remove epidermal and dermal lesions without a full-thickness dermal excision. This includes local anesthesia, chemical or electrocauterization of the wound. The wound does not require suture closure.

Shave biopsies - LEG

- 11300 (0.5 cm or less)
- 11301 (0.6 - 1.0 cm)
- 11302 (1.1 - 2.0 cm)
- 11303 (over 2.0 cm)

Shave biopsies - FOOT

- 11305 (0.5 cm or less)
- 11306 (0.6 - 1.0 cm)
- 11307 (1.1 - 2.0 cm)
- 11308 (over 2.0 cm)

Excisional CPT Codes

To use the CPT 11400 and CPT 11600 series of codes, local anesthesia must be applied. In addition, subcutaneous fat should be present upon visual inspection or histopathologic examination.

11400: Excision of a benign lesion-LEG

- 11400 (0.5 cm or less)
- 11401 (0.6 - 1.0 cm)
- 11402 (1.1 - 2.0 cm)

11420: Excision of a benign lesion – FOOT

- 11420 (0.5 cm or less)
- 11421 (0.6 - 1.0 cm)
- 11422 (1.1 - 2.0 cm)

11600: Excision of a malignant lesion-LEG 11620: Excision of a malignant lesion-FOOT

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| - 11600 (0.5 cm or less) | - 11620 (0.5 cm or less) |
| - 11601 (0.6 - 1.0 cm) | - 11621 (0.6 - 1.0 cm) |
| - 11602 (1.1 - 2.0 cm) | - 11622 (1.1 - 2.0 cm) |

Fine Needle Aspiration

10021: Fine Needle Aspiration without imaging guidance

10022: Fine Needle Aspiration when performed with imaging guidance

Common Bone Biopsy Coding

20220: Superficial bone biopsy using needle or trocar (bone immediately beneath sub-q)

20225: Deep bone biopsy using needle or trocar (bone deep to muscular tissue)

20240: Superficial open bone biopsy (bone immediately beneath sub-q)

20245: Deep bone open biopsy (bone deep to muscular tissue)

Common ICD-9 codes

110.1: Onychomycosis

110.4: Tinea Pedis

173.7: Malignant neoplasm of the skin of the lower extremity

216.7: Benign neoplasm of the skin of the lower extremity

238.0: Tumor/suspected neoplasm of the bone and articular cartilage, not otherwise specified

238.1: Tumor/suspected neoplasm of connective/soft tissue, not otherwise specified

238.2: Tumor/suspected neoplasm of the skin, not otherwise specified

692.9: Dermatitis, not otherwise specified

703.8: Onycholysis

712.9: Crystal Arthropathy, not otherwise specified

730.2: Osteomyelitis, not otherwise specified

733.20: Cyst of bone (localized), not otherwise specified