



Procedural Terminology

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Industry Needs for Procedural Terminology

- Terminology that is:
 - Designed to reduce clinical and administrative workflow burdens
 - Flexible and agile to meet the industry's ever-changing needs
 - Trusted and evidence-based
 - Fit for purpose

Other Industry Needs

- Quality
- Public Health
- Technology
- Research

CPT Code Set Meets Industry's Needs

- Code development process is:
 - Trusted and evidence based
 - Public, transparent, and open
 - Inclusive for all interested parties, including providers, public and private payers, medical device manufacturers, laboratories, and entrepreneurs
 - Flexible and agile
- Codes that are multipurpose to meet the needs of the clinical and administrative workflows
- The CPT Panel and AMA have worked closely with CMS and CDC during the public health emergency to create coding that supports their needs for tracking and research

CPT Codes in Clinical and Administrative Workflows

- CPT codes are integral to both clinical and administrative workflows of treating patients
- Workflows are more than documenting the clinical encounter in the EHR and sharing the data with others
 - Developing the patient's treatment plan
 - Monitoring ongoing treatments
 - Care coordination
- CPT is agile and has kept up with innovation in treatments and technology

Procedure Coding Internationally

- No single procedure terminology used internationally
- Variations in approaches to procedure coding, including:
 - No coding of procedures
 - SNOMED
 - WHO's International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI)
 - Country-specific developed terminology
- CPT
 - Used in some form in over 40 countries
 - Adopted as a national standard by 4 non-US governments
 - Used indirectly in programs like the American College of Surgeons' National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP), which has global participants and tracks patient outcomes using the CPT code set

Other Considerations

- Terminology curators must be involved in work:
 - Identifying the industry's needs for terminologies
 - Policy decisions cannot be made without private stakeholder collaboration
- Must align with other interoperability regulatory assessments, requirements, and impacts
- Understanding value in the health care system
- Consumer-friendly



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