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Check Your Knowledge: ICD-10-PCS Codes

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Case Scenario

A 57-year-old female underwent right ring finger amputation, mid-proximal phalanx.

ICD-10-PCS Coding

The recommended procedural code assignment is as follows:

0X6S0Z1 Detachment at Right Ring Finger, High, Open Approach

Indexed Terms:

Amputation see Detachment

Detachment

Finger

Ring

Right 0X6S0Z

Character Description	Value	Value Description
Section	0	Medical and Surgical
Body System	X	Anatomical Regions, Upper Extremities
Root Operation	6	Detachment
Body Part	S	Ring Finger, Right
Approach	0	Open
Device	Z	No Device
Qualifier	1	High

ICD-10-PCS Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting states, "The procedure codes in the general anatomical regions body systems can be used when the procedure is performed on an anatomical region rather than a specific body part (e.g., root operations Control and Detachment, Drainage of a body cavity) or on the rare occasion when no information is available to support assignment of a code to a specific body part."¹

The definition of the root operation Detachment is "Cutting off all or a portion of the upper or lower extremities."²

Qualifier High is defined as "Amputation anywhere along the proximal phalanx."³

NOTES

1. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. "2019 ICD-10-PCS Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting." Section B2.1a, page 4. www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2019-ICD-10-PCS.html.

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3. American Hospital Association. "Qualifiers for Root Operation Detachment." Coding Clinic for ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS (Second Quarter 2017): 3-4.

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