

BRONCHOSCOPY AND ASSOCIATED PROCEDURES CODING IN ICD-10-PCS AND CPT

QUIZ REVIEW

The correct answer is in bold font.

1. Bronchoscopic biopsies of the lung or bronchus are assigned to the same body part value in ICD-10-PCS depending on the lobe. True or False?

*Answer: **False**. As discussed in the Action Plan, ICD-10-PCS has separate body part values for each lobe of the lung and separate body part values for each lobe of the bronchus. Therefore, there are separate body part values for biopsy of lung and bronchus of the right upper lobe.*

2. A transbronchial biopsy of the left lower lobe is ALWAYS assigned to the body part value "left lower lobe lung." True or False?

*Answer: **False**. Remember that "transbronchial" can be a misnomer and the physician may actually be biopsying bronchial tissue through the bronchus passageways. The coder must not depend on terms alone but must verify the actual procedure completed for accurate coding.*

3. A patient underwent BAL of the left upper lobe bronchus via bronchoscopy. Assign ICD-10-PCS code (s):

3E1F88Z
0B9G8ZX
0BB88ZX
0B988ZX

*Answer: **0B9G8ZK**. According to Coding Clinic 1Q201y page 51, a BAL is a bronchoalveolar lavage and does not include the entire lung or both lungs. BAL is a liquid biopsy so is coded to root operation "drainage" and is assigned to body part "lung" since the alveoli are drained and are considered part of the lung, not bronchus.*

4. Assign ICD-10-PCS procedure codes to the following:

A patient undergoes bronchoscopy. The regular bronchoscope was removed after washings. The EBUS was inserted the right carina LN (7R) (LN is abbreviation for lymph node) and TBNA done x 4... the right precarina LN was located and biopsied x 4 at (4R) Specimens "bilateral washing, right carina TBNA and right paratrachea TBNA. Pathology bilateral bronchial washing, right carina, right paratrachea."

0BBC8ZX, 07B74ZX

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07B74ZX, 3E1F88Z

*Answer: **07B74ZX** for the biopsy of both lymph nodes at 7R and 4R. Only one code is reported regardless of how many lymph nodes are biopsied via needle. A code for washings is not reported. The MD has not documented a true BAL and of what bronchial segment if cell washing was done. Code 3E1F88Z is only used for a true whole lung therapeutic lavage. No lung or bronchial tissue was documented as biopsied. See Coding Clinic 1Q2016 page 27.*

5. A documented "brush biopsy of lung" is usually indicative of an actual biopsy of bronchial tissue, and not lung. True or False?

*Answer: **True**. Per older Coding Clinic, the term "Brush biopsy" is actually a misnomer. The brush is introduced into the bronchial segments and used to take bronchial tissue. The bronchus is not punctured to get to the lung and a brush is not used to biopsy lung tissue. Forceps or needles are usually used to take actual lung tissue. Review Coding Clinic 4Q1992 pages 27-28.*

6. A patient underwent bronchoscopy due to mucous plugging. There were mucous plugs encountered within the right lower lobe bronchus and left lower lobe bronchus that were removed. Assign ICD-10-PCS code (s):

3E1F88X

0BCB8ZZ, 0BC68ZZ

0BB68ZZ, 0BB68ZZ

*Answer: **OBCB8ZZ, OBC68ZZ** for extirpation. Extirpation is taking or cutting out solid matter from a body part. The solid matter is not a true body part but can be produced by the body such as blood clots, mucus plugs and calculus. This is why "excision" is not appropriate.*

7. An endobronchial biopsy is performed three times, once each in the RUL, RLL, and LLL. What CPT code(s) are assigned?

31625
31625, 31625, 31625
31628
31628, 31632, 31632

*Answer: **31625**. See CPT Assistant June 2004 page 11. Even though multiple biopsies were taken of the bronchus, only one code is assigned. The biopsy was of bronchial tissue and not lung tissue.*

8. A patient presents for bronchoscopy. The patient undergoes BAL of the left upper lobe bronchus, right middle lobe bronchus and right lower lobe bronchus. Brushings are taken of the right middle lobe. Endobronchial biopsies are taken of the right upper lobe and right lower lobe. What CPT code(s) are assigned?

31625
31622, 31623, 31624, 31625
31623, 31624, 31625
31899

*Answer: **31623, 31624, and 31625** to capture all components of the procedures. The codes are only reported once to include all areas applicable to the code. See CPT Assistant May 2008 pages 13-15*

9. A patient undergoes bronchoscopy with endobronchial biopsies of the right lower lobe. A transbronchial lung biopsy of the right lower lobe is performed via forceps under fluoroscopy. An endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS) guided aspiration of two mediastinal lymph nodes is also performed. What CPT code(s) are assigned?

31628

31625, 31628, 31652

31628, 31652

31652, 31654

*Answer: **31628, 31652.** NCCI edits are precluding the reporting of 31625 with 31628, so only code 31628 can be reported with 31652.*

10. A patient undergoes bronchoscopy and a transbronchial lung biopsy of the left lower lobe via fluoroscopy is planned. EBUS is brought in and a lesion outside of the bronchoscope range is identified and targeted. The mass/lesion is then biopsied with the assistance of the EBUS. What CPT code(s) are assigned?

31628

31628, 31654

31625, 31654

31654

*Answer: **31628, 31654.** 31654 is an add-on code and is to be used in addition to the primary procedure. See CPT Assistant April, 2016 page 5.*