

## Guidelines for the Use of CPT Codes

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The following set of guidelines is intended as a template for the application of the 998 CPT codes. These are suggestions; additional information regarding the use of these codes should be obtained from insurance carriers, health maintenance organizations and the Health Care Financing Administration.

### Interview

If diagnosis is psychiatric, then use 90801

If diagnosis is neurological, then use 96115

### Testing

If diagnosis is psychiatric, then use 96100

If diagnosis is developmental, then use 96111

If diagnosis is neurological, then use 96117

### Diagnoses

If problem is psychiatric, then use DSM system

If problem is neurological, then use ICD system

### Diagnoses and Procedures Codes

Match diagnoses with procedure codes (neurological ICD diagnosis with neuropsychological CPT)

### Time

For all interviewing and testing codes, use hourly increments

For all therapeutic or rehabilitation codes, use either quarterly or half-hour increments (as specified)

Round up or down as applicable

Clinical service time is defined as time involved in the following: pre-, during, and post-clinical service activities.

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The development of new Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes has allowed for more accurate billing of neuropsychological services. This has occurred, in part, because the new neuropsychology codes are located in a new section of the CPT system, outside of the psychiatry codes. However, many neuropsychologists have continued to use the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM)* system to code diagnoses. This combination of non-psychiatric procedural codes and psychiatric diagnostic codes reflects an inconsistency when describing professional neuropsychological services. Hence, it is recommended that non-psychiatric (e.g., neurological) diagnostic codes be used in conjunction with the new neuropsychological procedure codes.

We have reviewed the International Classification of Diseases (9th revision) for commonly used neurological and related diagnostic codes. These codes have been used during the last year in our clinical practice with input from several members of the Academy. Further, these diagnostic codes are presented both alphabetically and categorically (with the assistance of Leslie Rosenstein, Ph.D.; Scott & White Memorial Hospital, Temple, Texas)

These codes are being reprinted with permission of the World Health Organization, developers and publishers of the International Classification of Diseases system. However, the publication of this list does not imply their endorsement. This list is preliminary and we look forward to input from colleagues for eventual revision both in terms of codes and categories. Please address your suggestions to:

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