



Advanced Coding Specialist – Orthopedics (ACS-OR)

As a service to candidates, this outline is designed to provide an overview of the coding and billing issues covered on the ACS-OR examination. While it can serve as a guide for your test preparation, you should not consider it to be inclusive of every procedure or issue addressed within the examination.

Examination Outline

Section One - Orthopedic Medical Terms and Abbreviations

Abbreviations and combining forms

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ORIF

Anatomical terminology

medial malleolus

Definitions of orthopedic disorders

subluxation

Section Two - Evaluation & Management Scenario Coding and Guideline Questions

1995 and 1997 documentation guidelines (provided)

Section Three - Minor Surgical and Diagnostic Procedures

Hip ultrasound

Post-reduction radiographs

Section Four - Fracture and Sprain Care

Proximal phalanx fracture

Avulsion fracture

Section Five - General Orthopedic Surgery and Guideline Questions

Failed arthroplasty

Symptomatic hardware

Infected prosthesis

Section Six - Subspecialty Orthopedics

Foot/Ankle Surgery & Podiatry

Deformities

Hand Surgery

Trigger thumb release

Tenolysis and reconstruction

Orthopedic Surgical Oncology
Exisional biopsy
Prophylactic rodding
Pediatric Orthopedics
Application of external fixator
Epiphyseal stapling
Spine Surgery
Cervical diskectomy
Lumbar laminectomy
Sports Medicine
Torn ACL
Torn meniscus
OAT procedure
Trauma Orthopedics
Reattachment of limb

Section Seven - Modifiers

ABN modifiers
Anatomical modifiers

Section Eight - Diagnostic Coding

E Codes
V Codes

Section Nine - General Billing Issues

Repeat surgical procedure billing
Incident-to therapy services