



Coding tools and resources

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Coding Resources

- CPT® Evaluation and Management (E/M) Code and Guideline Changes effective January 1, 2023:
 - <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2023-e-m-descriptors-guidelines.pdf>
- APA CPT Coding and Reimbursement Resources
 - <https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/practice-management/coding-and-reimbursement>
- CMS: Guidelines for Teaching Physicians, Interns and Residents
 - <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/guidelines-teaching-physicians-interns-and-residents.pdf>
- CMS: Evaluation and Management Services Guide
 - <https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnproducts/downloads/eval-mgmt-serv-guide-icn006764.pdf>

Coding Calculator

- <https://tinyurl.com/codingACLP2023>

E&M Calculator for Psychiatry
ACLP Meeting 2023, for educational purposes only.

Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed at the Encounter

Expanded definitions of problems/illnesses

Minimal ?
• 1 self-limited or minor problem, (Example: Bereavement)

Low ?
• 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or
• 1 stable chronic illness, (Example: MDD, recurrent, in remission) or
• 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury (Example: Adjustment d/o with depressed mood)

Moderate ?
• 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression or side effects of treatment, (Example: MDD, recurrent, moderate) or
• 2 or more stable chronic illnesses, (Example: Schizophrenia and alcohol use d/o) or
• 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis, (Example: Cognitive decline) or
• 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms, (Example: Anorexia with bradycardia and amenorrhea; or Substance use d/o presenting in acute withdrawal) or
• 1 acute complicated injury

High ?
• 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; (Example: MDD, recurrent, severe w/ significant functional decline; or Severe akathisia from treatment of schizophrenia with antipsychotic medication) or
• 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function (Example: Schizophrenia with command hallucinations to kill family members whom the patient believes are imposters; or Depression with suicidal ideation and plan)

Italicized text signifies psychiatric specific examples that have been added for educational purposes

Amount and Complexity of Data to Be Reviewed and Analyzed

Expanded definitions of data terms