

Socioeconomic tips

This column lists some frequently asked questions regarding Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)* recently posed to the ACS Coding Hotline and the responses. As a benefit of membership in the College, ACS members and their staff may consult the hotline 10 times annually without charge. If your office has coding questions, contact the Coding Hotline at 800/227-7911 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm Mountain Time, holidays excluded.

The surgeon performed an open cholecystectomy with cholangiography. When the

should report the open procedure code only. You can use the code V64.41, Laparoscopic surgical procedure converted to open procedure, to show the conversion to open procedure.

The patient underwent a laparoscopic cholecystectomy, but the surgeon also did an open cholangiogram. How would I code these two procedures?

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