

Dermatology Coding Alert

Reader questions: Don't Turn to 'Unlisted' for Keloid Removal

Question: Does CPT include a code for removing a keloid scar? If not, should I report the service as an "unlisted" procedure?

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Answer: No, you don't need to resort to 17999 (Unlisted procedure, skin, mucous membrane and subcutaneous tissue). Instead, you can report a procedure code based on how your physician removes the keloid -- his method of destruction or excision. Submit the procedure code with diagnosis 701.4 (Keloid scar).