

Internal Medicine Coding Alert

Coding Quiz Bone Up on Your Lesion Excision Reporting

To ensure you know a lesion's pathology and size, test your coding knowledge of codes **11400-11646** before you submit your next claim. Take our true/false quiz and then check the answers on page 29 provided by coding experts.

True or False?

L. Your internist doesn't have a pathology report indicating whether a lesion is benign or malignant, obscious suspects that the lesion is benign. Therefore, correct coding requires you to follow the doctor's suspicion assign a benign lesion excision code (for instance, 11400, Excision, benign lesion including margins, except skin sunless listed elsewhere], trunk, arms or legs; excised diameter 0.5 cm or less). You should also link the approprise CD-9 code (for example, 216.0, Benign neoplasm of skin; skin of lip) to the procedure.	n and ag
2. You should assign a code from the 11600-11606 series for malignant lesions of the trunk.	_
3. The physician should measure only the lesion's diameter prior to excision	
1. When the internist removes several lesions from the same area on a patient's body, you should reprocedure code, such as 11440 (Excision, benign), because Medicare bundles the other physician work into the procedure	