

Final Summary Changes OPCS - 4.7 - OPCS - 4.8

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Introduction

The OPCS-4 Classification of Interventions and Procedures (OPCS-4) is a statistical classification for clinical coding of hospital interventions and procedures undertaken by the National Health Service (NHS). It is an approved NHS Fundamental Information Standard. The classification is mandatory for use by healthcare providers to support various forms of data collections for operational and secondary uses. It is mandatory for Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Sets (CDS). The requirements for data sets and related definitions are specified in the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

<http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/>

The OPCS-4 classification is updated to accurately reflect current NHS clinical practice through the addition of new content as necessary. Key classification characteristics are retained to maintain consistency and comparability across OPCS-4 versions and statistical data.

Purpose

This document provides the final summary of the core changes made to the codes and descriptions contained in the Tabular List Four Character Subcategories, Inclusions, Exclusions and Notes in OPCS-4.7 to produce OPCS-4.8.

Audience

This document is aimed at clinical coding professionals, NHS healthcare providers and NHS suppliers that build /update software to support NHS business functions and interoperability.

Retirement of codes / change in description

System and software suppliers are asked to note the changes, including retirements of codes listed below. These have been removed from the Metadata file so that they are not perpetuated in OPCS-4.8 implementations. The OPCS-4.8 Table of Coding Equivalences provides guidance on mapping the new codes to the retired codes.

Attention to nephrostomy tube

There is an overlap in the meaning of codes **M06.4 Attention to nephrostomy tube NEC** and **M16.2 Maintenance of drainage tube of kidney**; resulting in the two codes classifying the same procedure.

Consequently, the following change has been implemented

- Existing subcategory code **M06.4** and description has been retired

The retired subcategory code and description is represented as follows in the OPCS-4.8 Tabular Volume 1 and Codes and Titles:

M06.4 Code retired – refer to introduction

Small bone

There are inconsistencies in how Trusts assign codes for procedures carried out on 'short bones' due to uncertainty of whether 'small bone' is synonymous with 'short bone' which is the terminology used in the descriptions at **W19.4**, **W24.4** and **O17.4**. The use of the term 'small' is not consistent with the classification of bone types used by clinicians and the

terminology used in ICD-10. Consequently, the term 'small' has been deleted and replaced with 'short' as follows:

- **W19.4 Primary open reduction of fracture of ~~small~~ short bone and fixation using screw**
- **W24.4 Closed reduction of fracture of ~~small~~ short bone and fixation using screw**
- **O17.4 Remanipulation of fracture of ~~small~~ short bone and fixation using screw**

Core changes made to OPCS-4.8

This summary list does **not** reflect changes made to the Introduction, Tabular List of Three Character Categories, code ranges, High Cost Drugs, Chemotherapy Regimens or Alphabetical Index.

It is therefore **unsafe to use this information to assign codes or to annotate existing OPCS-4.8 books, as it does not reflect all changes made to produce OPCS-4.8.**

Changes are identified as follows:

- New code(s) and description are underlined
- Codes and words in OPCS-4.7 that have been deleted are shown by a strike through
- Words in OPCS-4.8 that have been added are shown by an underline.

Note: Chapter heading only indicates that the chapter has not changed.

Chapter A - NERVOUS SYSTEM

A82 Other neurophysiological operations

Note: Principal A84

A82.1 Quantitative sensory testing

A82.8 Other specified

A82.9 Unspecified

A84 Neurophysiological operations

Note: Principal category, extended at A82

Chapter B - ENDOCRINE SYSTEM AND BREAST

B28 Other excision of breast

Note: Principal category, extended at B41

Use a supplementary code for removal of lymph node (T85-T87)

B32.4 Vacuum biopsy of lesion of breast

Includes: Vacuum assisted biopsy of lesion of breast

B35 Operations on nipple and areola

*Includes: Skin of nipple
Skin of areola*

B36 Reconstruction of nipple and areola

*Includes: Skin of nipple
Skin of areola*

B41 Excision of breast

Note: Principal B28

Use a supplementary code for removal of lymph node (T85-T87)

B41.1 Radionuclide guided excision of lesion of breast

Includes: Radionuclide guided lumpectomy

B41.2 Radionuclide guided partial excision of breast

*Includes: Radionuclide guided wedge excision of breast
Radionuclide guided wide excision of breast*

B41.8 Other specified

B41.9 Unspecified

Chapter C – EYE

Chapter D – EAR

D06.4 Graft of skin to external ear

D06.5 Flap of skin to external ear

Chapter E - RESPIRATORY TRACT

E09 Operations on external nose

Includes: Skin of external nose

Note: Principal category, extended at E66

Codes from Chapter S may be used to enhance these codes

E09.7 Graft of skin to external nose

E20.1 Total adenoidectomy

*Includes: Excision of adenoid
Adenoidectomy*

Note: *Use as a secondary code when associated with excision of tonsil (F34, F36.6)*

E20.4 Suction diathermy adenoidectomy

Note: *Use as a secondary code when associated with excision of tonsil (F34, F36.6)*

E48 Therapeutic fiberoptic endoscopic operations on lower respiratory tract

Includes: Therapeutic endoscopic operations on lower respiratory tract NEC

Trachea

Carina

Bronchus

Lung

Note: *Principal category, extended at E67*

It is not necessary to code additionally any mention of diagnostic fiberoptic endoscopic examination of lower respiratory tract (E49.9)

Use a subsidiary site code as necessary

E66 Other operations on external nose

Includes: Skin of external nose

Note: *Principal E09*

Codes from Chapter S may be used to enhance these codes

E66.1 Flap of skin to external nose

E66.8 Other specified

E66.9 Unspecified

E67 Other therapeutic fiberoptic endoscopic operations on lower respiratory tract

Includes: Therapeutic endoscopic operations on lower respiratory tract NEC

Trachea

Carina

Bronchus

Lung

Note: *Principal E48*

It is not necessary to code additionally any mention of diagnostic fiberoptic endoscopic examination of lower respiratory tract (E49.9)

Use a subsidiary site code as necessary

E67.1 Endoscopic thermal bronchoplasty

E67.8 Other specified

E67.9 Unspecified

Chapter F – MOUTH

F09.6 Coronectomy NEC

Chapter G - UPPER DIGESTIVE TRACT

G12 Other fibreoptic endoscopic extirpation of lesion of oesophagus

Includes: Endoscopic extirpation of lesion of oesophagus NEC

Excludes: When associated with general fibreoptic endoscopic examination of upper gastrointestinal tract (G42, G43)

Note: Principal G14

It is not necessary to code diagnostic fibreoptic endoscopic examination limited to oesophagus (G16.9)

G12.1 Fibreoptic endoscopic mucosal resection of lesion of oesophagus

G12.8 Other specified

G12.9 Unspecified

G14 Fibreoptic endoscopic extirpation of lesion of oesophagus

Includes: Endoscopic extirpation of lesion of oesophagus NEC

Excludes: When associated with general fibreoptic endoscopic examination of upper gastrointestinal tract (G42, G43)

Note: Principal category, extended at G12

It is not necessary to code diagnostic fibreoptic endoscopic examination limited to oesophagus (G16.9)

G15 Other therapeutic fibreoptic endoscopic operations on oesophagus

Includes: Therapeutic endoscopic operations on oesophagus NEC

Excludes: When associated with general fibreoptic endoscopic examination of upper gastrointestinal tract (G44, G46)

Note: Principal category, extended at G20

It is not necessary to code diagnostic fibreoptic endoscopic examination limited to oesophagus (G16.9)

G20 Therapeutic fibreoptic endoscopic operations on oesophagus

Includes: Therapeutic endoscopic operations on oesophagus NEC

Excludes: When associated with general fibreoptic endoscopic examination of upper gastrointestinal tract (G44, G46)

Note: Principal G15

It is not necessary to code diagnostic fibreoptic endoscopic examination limited to oesophagus (G16.9)

G20.1 Fibreoptic endoscopic coagulation of bleeding lesion of oesophagus

G20.8 Other specified

G20.9 Unspecified

G42.3 Fibreoptic endoscopic mucosal resection of lesion of upper gastrointestinal tract

G46.2 Fibreoptic endoscopic coagulation of bleeding lesion of upper gastrointestinal tract

G82.5 Radiological reduction of intussusception of ileum using air enema

Chapter H - LOWER DIGESTIVE TRACT

H20.7 Fibreoptic endoscopic mucosal resection of lesion of colon

H23.7 Endoscopic mucosal resection of lesion of lower bowel using fibreoptic sigmoidoscope

H26 Endoscopic extirpation of lesion of sigmoid colon using rigid sigmoidoscope

Includes: Rectum

Note: Principal category, extended at H37

It is not necessary to code diagnostic endoscopic operations on sigmoid colon using rigid sigmoidoscope (H28.9)

Use a subsidiary site code as necessary

H37 Other endoscopic extirpation of lesion of sigmoid colon using rigid sigmoidoscope

Includes: Rectum

Note: Principal H26

It is not necessary to code diagnostic endoscopic operations on sigmoid colon using rigid sigmoidoscope (H28.9)

Use a subsidiary site code as necessary

H37.1 Endoscopic mucosal resection of lesion of sigmoid colon using rigid sigmoidoscope

H37.8 Other specified

H37.9 Unspecified

H56.1 Biopsy of lesion of anus

Includes: Biopsy of anus

Biopsy of perianal skin region

Chapter J - OTHER ABDOMINAL ORGANS - PRINCIPALLY DIGESTIVE

Chapter K - HEART

K59.4 Renewal of cardioverter defibrillator NEC

K59.7 Renewal of cardioverter defibrillator using three electrode leads

K60 Cardiac pacemaker system introduced through vein

*Excludes: Cardioverter defibrillator introduced through the vein (K59)
Subcutaneous cardioverter defibrillator (K72)*

Note: Principal category, extended at K73

K60.3 Renewal of intravenous cardiac pacemaker system NEC

K61 Other cardiac pacemaker system

*Includes: Epicardial implantation of cardiac pacemaker system
Excludes: Cardioverter defibrillator introduced through the vein (K59)
Subcutaneous cardioverter defibrillator (K72)*

Note: Principal category, extended at K74

K73 Other cardiac pacemaker system introduced through vein

*Excludes: Cardioverter defibrillator introduced through the vein (K59)
Subcutaneous cardioverter defibrillator (K72)*

Note: Principal K60

K73.1 Renewal of intravenous single chamber cardiac pacemaker system

K73.2 Renewal of intravenous dual chamber cardiac pacemaker system

K73.3 Renewal of intravenous biventricular cardiac pacemaker

K73.8 Other specified

K73.9 Unspecified

K74 Cardiac pacemaker system

*Includes: Epicardial implantation of cardiac pacemaker system
Excludes: Cardioverter defibrillator introduced through the vein (K59)
Subcutaneous cardioverter defibrillator (K72)*

Note: Principal K61

K74.1 Renewal of single chamber cardiac pacemaker system NEC

K74.2 Renewal of dual chamber cardiac pacemaker system NEC

K74.3 Renewal of biventricular cardiac pacemaker NEC

K74.8 Other specified

K74.9 Unspecified

K75 Percutaneous transluminal balloon angioplasty and insertion of stent into coronary artery

Excludes: Transluminal balloon angioplasty of coronary artery (K49)

Note: ~~Note: It is not necessary to code additionally any mention of percutaneous transluminal atherectomy of coronary artery (K50.4)~~ Use a supplementary code when associated with percutaneous atherectomy (K50.4)

Chapter L - ARTERIES AND VEINS

L75 Other arteriovenous operations

Excludes: Operations on surgically created arteriovenous fistula (L74)
Operations on dural arteriovenous fistula (O05)

L86.3 Injection of glue into varicose vein of leg

Chapter M - URINARY

M06.4 Attention to nephrostomy tube NEC Code retired - refer to introduction

M53 Vaginal operations to support outlet of female bladder

Note: Principal category, extended at M57

M53.7 Total Removal of transobturator tape

M57 Other vaginal operations to support outlet of female bladder

Note: Principal M53

M57.1 Introduction of vaginal tape NEC

M57.2 Total removal of vaginal tape NEC

M57.3 Partial removal of vaginal tape NEC

M57.4 Partial removal of transobturator tape

M57.8 Other specified

M57.9 Unspecified

M68.3 Endoscopic insertion of prosthesis to compress lobe of prostate

Chapter N - MALE GENITAL ORGANS

Chapter P - LOWER FEMALE GENITAL TRACT

P06.5 Excision of lesion of labia

P09.4 Biopsy of lesion of labia

Includes: Biopsy of labia

P23 Other repair of prolapse of vagina

Note: Principal category, extended at P28

Use a supplementary code for concurrent excision of uterus (Q08)

P24 Repair of vault of vagina

Excludes: Operations to support female bladder (M51-M55)

Note: Principal category, extended at P30

P27.4 Endoscopic examination of vagina

Includes: Vaginoscopy NEC

P28 Repair of prolapse of vagina

Note: Principal P23

Use a supplementary code for concurrent excision of uterus (Q08)

P28.1 Total removal of prosthetic material from previous repair of vaginal prolapse

P28.2 Partial removal of prosthetic material from previous repair of vaginal prolapse

P28.8 Other specified

P28.9 Unspecified

P30 Other repair of vault of vagina

Excludes: Operations to support female bladder (M51-M55)

Note: Principal P24

P30.1 Total removal of prosthetic material from previous repair of vaginal vault prolapse

P30.2 Partial removal of prosthetic material from previous repair of vaginal vault prolapse

P30.8 Other specified

P30.9 Unspecified

Chapter Q - UPPER FEMALE GENITAL TRACT

Q54 Operations on other ligament of uterus

Note: Principal category, extended at Q57

Q54.7 Total removal of prosthetic material from previous suspension of uterus

Q57 Other operations on other ligament of uterus

Note: Principal Q54

Q57.1 Partial removal of prosthetic material from previous suspension of uterus

Q57.8 Other specified

Q57.9 Unspecified

Chapter R - FEMALE GENITAL TRACT ASSOCIATED WITH PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH AND PUERPERIUM

Chapter S – SKIN

S07 Photodynamic therapy of skin

Includes: Photodynamic therapy to skin lesion NEC

S07.2 Photodynamic laser therapy to lesion of skin

Chapter T - SOFT TISSUE

T05.2 Resuture of previous incision of chest wall

*Includes: Resuture of rupture of incision of chest wall
Suture of dehiscence of wound of chest wall
Rewiring of sternum*

T30 Opening of abdomen

*Includes: Abdominal wall
Peritoneum
Peritoneal cavity
Abdominal cavity*

Note: Do not use as approach code (Y50)

T31 Other operations on anterior abdominal wall

*Includes: Abdominal wall NEC
Abdominal cavity NEC*

T32 Reconstruction of anterior abdominal wall

*Includes: Abdominal wall NEC
Abdominal cavity NEC*

Excludes: Closure of anterior abdominal wall (T28.2)

Note: Codes from Chapter S may be used to enhance these codes

T32.1 Reconstruction of anterior abdominal wall using insert of natural material

T32.2 Reconstruction of anterior abdominal wall using insert of prosthetic material

T32.3 Reconstruction of anterior abdominal wall using flap NEC

T32.4 Reconstruction of anterior abdominal wall using insert of prosthetic material and flap NEC

T32.8 Other specified

T32.9 Unspecified

Chapter U - DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING, TESTING AND REHABILITATION

U36.5 Cone beam computed tomography NEC

Chapter V - BONES AND JOINTS OF SKULL AND SPINE

V33 Primary excision of lumbar intervertebral disc

Includes: Excision of lumbar intervertebral disc NEC

Note: Principal category, extended at V51

Use an additional code to specify levels of spine (V55)

V41.5 Posterior attachment of spinal growing system

Excludes: Posterior attachment of correctional instrument to spine (V41.1)

V41.6 Attention to spinal growing system

V41.7 Surgical distraction of spinal growing system

V51 Other primary excision of lumbar intervertebral disc

Includes: Excision of lumbar intervertebral disc NEC

Note: Principal V33

Use an additional code to specify levels of spine (V55)

V51.1 Primary direct lateral excision of lumbar intervertebral disc and interbody fusion of joint of lumbar spine

V51.8 Other specified

V51.9 Unspecified

Chapter W - OTHER BONES AND JOINTS

W19.4 Primary open reduction of fracture of ~~small~~short bone and fixation using screw

W24.4 Closed reduction of fracture of ~~small~~short bone and fixation using screw

W24.7 Closed reduction of fracture of bone and fixation using plate

W84.5 Endoscopic drilling of epiphysis for repair of articular cartilage

Includes: Endoscopic mMicrofracture of bone for repair of articular cartilage

W92.6 Chemical synovectomy

W92.7 Radiation synovectomy

O17.4 Remanipulation of fracture of ~~small~~ short bone and fixation using screw

O17.6 Remanipulation of fracture of bone and fixation using plate

Chapter X - MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS

X32 Exchange blood transfusion

Includes: Therapeutic apheresis

Note: Principal category, extended at X47

Use a subsidiary code for extracorporeal circulation NEC (Y73.2) if the exchange is automated

X47 Other exchange blood transfusion

Includes: Therapeutic apheresis

Note: Principal X32

Use a subsidiary code for extracorporeal circulation NEC (Y73.2) if the exchange is automated

Chapter Y - SUBSIDIARY CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS OF OPERATION

Y17.2 Morcellation of lesion of organ NOC

Y20.7 Vacuum biopsy of lesion of organ NOC

Includes: Vacuum assisted biopsy of lesion of organ NOC

Y74.9 Unspecified

Includes: Minimally invasive approach to thoracic cavity NEC

Y75.9 Unspecified

Includes: Minimally invasive approach to abdominal cavity NEC

Y76.9 Unspecified

*Includes: Minimally invasive approach to other body area NEC
Minimally invasive approach to other body cavity NEC*

Chapter Z - SUBSIDIARY CLASSIFICATION OF SITES OF OPERATION

Z15.7 Areola

Includes: Skin of areola

Z24 Other respiratory tract

Note: Principal category, extended at Z88

Z24.8 Specified other respiratory tract NEC

Z24.9 Other rRespiratory tract NEC

Z44.7 Labia

Includes: Skin of labia

Z53.7 Abdominal cavity

Z88 Respiratory tract

Note: Principal Z24

Z88.1 Hyoid

Z88.8 Specified respiratory tract NEC

Z88.9 Respiratory tract NEC