Final Summary Changes

OPCS - 4.7 - OPCS - 4.8

Published October 2016
Contents

Introduction 3

Purpose 3
Audience 3

Retirement of codes / change in description 3

Attention to nephrostomy tube 3
Small bone 3

Core changes made to OPCS-4.8 4

Chapter A - NERVOUS SYSTEM 4
Chapter B - ENDOCRINE SYSTEM AND BREAST 4
Chapter C – EYE 5
Chapter D – EAR 5
Chapter E - RESPIRATORY TRACT 5
Chapter F – MOUTH 7
Chapter G - UPPER DIGESTIVE TRACT 7
Chapter H - LOWER DIGESTIVE TRACT 8
Chapter J - OTHER ABDOMINAL ORGANS - PRINCIPALLY DIGESTIVE 9
Chapter K - HEART 9
Chapter L - ARTERIES AND VEINS 10
Chapter M - URINARY 10
Chapter N - MALE GENITAL ORGANS 10
Chapter P - LOWER FEMALE GENITAL TRACT 11
Chapter Q - UPPER FEMALE GENITAL TRACT 11
Chapter R - FEMALE GENITAL TRACT ASSOCIATED WITH PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH AND Puerperium 12
Chapter S – SKIN 12
Chapter T - SOFT TISSUE 12
Chapter U - DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING, TESTING AND REHABILITATION 13
Chapter W - OTHER BONES AND JOINTS 13
Chapter X - MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS 14
Chapter Y - SUBSIDIARY CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS OF OPERATION 14
Chapter Z - SUBSIDIARY CLASSIFICATION OF SITES OF OPERATION 15
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 fibreoptic 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 fibreoptic 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 fibreoptic 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 fibreoptic 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: 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 microfracture 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 respiratory 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