



Practice Questions for the Advanced Coding Specialist – Anesthesia (ACS-AN) credential

As a service to candidates, this outline is designed to provide representative examples of the coding and billing issues covered on the ACS-AN examination. While it should serve as a guide for your test preparation, you should not consider it inclusive of every procedure or issue addressed within the examination.

1. Provide the Evaluation & Management (E&M) code for an established office visit for a 40 year old man with recurrence of knee pain after he discontinued NSAID. Documentation indicates there is a PF history with a straightforward examination and MDM. _____
2. Provide the E&M code for an initial hospital visit for a 34-year-old male in general good health with a sudden onset of low back pain following a lifting injury. Documentation indicates there are minimal history notes, a detailed examination and straightforward MDM. _____
3. Provide the E&M code for a subsequent hospital re-evaluation of postoperative pain for a 45-year-old female. Documentation indicates a PF history and examination - the medical decision is to titrate PCA. _____
4. Define the prefix “infra-”: _____
5. An anesthesiologist is medically directing two cases and working on the surgery schedule for the following day. She is interrupted and asked to perform an emergency intubation in the immediate area. Is it TRUE or FALSE that performing this procedure breaks medical direction? _____

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions 6-8 that follow:

A 62 year old patient with a severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life presents to the hospital for an ERCP. MAC is provided by the anesthesiologist who is personally performing the case.

6. Define ERCP: _____

7. Provide the Anesthesia Code for the surgical service performed:

8. Provide all applicable HCPCS modifiers: _____

Read the following sentence and answer the questions 9-11 that follow:

A 42 year old patient undergoes a MMK TAH/BSO for a diagnosis of myometrial endometriosis.

9. Provide the Surgical CPT code for the procedure:

10. Provide the Anesthesia CPT code for the procedure:

11. Provide the ICD-9-CM code for the procedure:

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions 12-14 that follow:

A Medicare patient undergoes repair of a paraesophageal hiatal hernia (including fundoplication), via thoracotomy (utilizing OLV) with implantation of mesh under general anesthesia. The anesthesiologist is medically directing three (3) CRNAs.

12. Provide the Surgical CPT code for the procedure:

13. Provide the Anesthesia CPT code for the procedure:

14. Provide medical direction modifiers: _____

15. A 3 year old patient is diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma of the pelvis, primary. Provide the ICD-9-CM code for the diagnosis:

End of Practice Questions

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Answers to ACS Practice Questions

1. 99212
2. 99221
3. 99231
4. below or under
5. FALSE
6. Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
7. 00740
8. AA, P4, and QS
9. 58152
10. 00840
11. 617.0
12. 43335
13. 00541
14. QK and QX
15. 170.6