



Advanced Coding Specialist – Gastroenterology (ACS-GI)

As a service to candidates, this outline is designed to provide representative examples of the coding and billing issues covered on the ACS-GI 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.

Examination Outline

Section 1 -Gastroenterology Medical Terms and Abbreviations

Medical terminology definitions

Common terminology

e.g., Inability to swallow

Abbreviations

e.g., EGD, PEJ

Anatomical definitions

e.g., Upper orifice of the stomach connecting with the esophagus

Prefix/Suffix definitions

e.g., endo-, -emesis

Section 2 - Evaluation and Management Coding

1995 and 1997 E/M Guidelines (will be provided for reference)

Referrals versus consultations

E/M scenario coding (with documented procedures and medically necessary diagnoses)

E/M visits with procedures, same day/modifiers

SNF encounters

E/M visits with diagnostic tests

ED encounters with procedures

Critical Care

Observation Care

Section 3 - Surgery

Diagnostic versus therapeutic scopes

Introduction procedures

Flexible sigmoidoscopy

EGD

ERCP

Multiple procedures

Manual manipulation

Submucosal injections

Panendoscopy

Colonoscopy

Esophagogastroduodenoscopy with biopsy

Review all diagnostic and therapeutic scope procedures
Esophagus procedures
Biopsy procedures
Guidewire dilation
PEG Procedures

Section 4 - HCPCS Level II Coding

Injection procedures
Screening scopes

Section 5 - Radiology

Gastrointestinal procedures with radiologic S&I
GI diagnostic radiology
Modifier usage for radiology procedures
GI ultrasound procedures
CCI for radiology test

Section 6 - Laboratory

Diagnostic liver tests
Gastric stimulation procedures
Diagnostic hemocults
Professional component of diagnostic lab procedures

Section 7 - Medicine

GI diagnostic procedure coding
CCI edits for diagnostic tests
Billing global procedures
Medicine diagnostic tests with endoscopy procedures

Section 8 - Modifiers

GI diagnostic procedure coding
ABN modifiers
Multiple scopes
Modifiers -25, -24, -26, -51, -52, -53, -58, -59, -62, -76, -77

Section 9 - General Coding and Billing Issues

Teaching physician rules
Shared split billing rules
Filing Medicare claims
Medicare appeals
Category III codes
NPP rules
"Incident-To" Medicare rules
General ICD-9