



Specialty Coding Professional – Orthopedics (ACS-OR)

As a service to candidates, this outline is designed to provide an overview of the coding and billing issues covered on the SCP-OR examination. While it can serve as a guide for test preparation, it should not be considered inclusive of every procedure or issue addressed within the examination.

Examination Outline

Orthopedic Medical Terms and Abbreviations

Abbreviations and combining forms

- -oma
- ORIF

Anatomical terminology

- medial malleolus

Definitions of orthopedic disorders

- subluxation

Evaluation & Management Scenario Coding and Guideline Questions

- 1995 and 1997 documentation guidelines (provided)

General Orthopedic Surgery and Guideline Questions

- Failed arthroplasty
- Symptomatic hardware
- Infected prosthesis

Subspecialty Orthopedics

- Foot/Ankle Surgery & Podiatry
- Application of external fixator
- Epiphyseal stapling
- Spine Surgery
- Cervical discectomy
- Lumbar laminectomy
- Sports Medicine
- Torn ACL
- Torn meniscus
- OAT procedure
- Trauma Orthopedics

Modifiers

- ABN modifiers
- Anatomical modifiers

Diagnostic Coding

- E Codes
- V Codes

General Billing Issues

- Repeat surgical procedure billing
- Incident-to therapy services