
Documentation Dissection

1. Patient complaining of **wart on right third finger** ^[4], palmar. Small. Persistent for over a year. No symptoms. Wants treatment.
2. Pt complaining of **dry patch on forehead** ^[2]. No bleeding. There several weeks. No symptoms. No prior treatment.

Physical Exam:

Exam shows on the **right third finger palmar, a flesh-colored verrucous papule**. Exam shows on the **right forehead inflamed erythematous hyperkeratotic papule** ^[3].

Treatment:

1. **Verruca vulgaris** ^[4]—Right third finger palmar.
Liquid nitrogen ^[5] was applied. One lesion was treated today. Routine wound care.
2. **Actinic keratosis** ^[6]—Right forehead.
Liquid nitrogen was applied. One lesion treated today. Routine wound care.

Patient warned of pain, blistering, scarring, depigment changes, and lack of response. Patient advised to RTC if not resolved in next few weeks. Patient verbalizes understanding of treatment plan and instructions. Patient understands to call with any questions or concerns. Sunscreen emphasized with patient ^[7].

Patient advised on regular skin exams and self-exams ^[7].

^[4] Reason for visit is a wart on the palmar aspect of the right finger.

^[2] Dry patch on forehead.

^[3] Finding indicate verrucous papule on the palmar aspect of the right finger, and inflamed erythematous hyperkeratotic papule on right forehead.

^[4] Diagnosis of verruca vulgaris on the palmar aspect of the third finger.

^[5] Treatment of two areas of destruction with liquid nitrogen.

^[6] Postoperative instructions. No information here for coding.

What are the CPT® and ICD-10-CM codes reported?

CPT® Codes: 17110, 17000-59

ICD-10-CM Codes: B07.8, L57.0

Rationales:

CPT®: The procedures were the destruction of a benign lesion, and a premalignant lesion (actinic keratosis). Look in the CPT® Index for Destruction/Skin/Benign 17110–17111. Report 17110 for destruction of the verruca vulgaris (wart). Next look in the CPT® Index for Destruction/Skin/Pre-malignant 17000–17004, 96567. The Actinic keratosis of the forehead is reported with 17000. Modifier 59 is needed show that it is not bundled with 17110.

ICD-10-CM: In the Alphabetic Index look for Verruca (vulgaris) B07.9. Verify code in the Tabular List B07.9 *Viral wart*, unspecified. This was a verruca vulgaris of the right third finger; therefore, B07.8 is reported. In the Alphabetic Index look for Keratosis/actinic L57.0. Verify in the Tabular List L57.0 *Actinic keratosis*.