Procedure: Foreign body removal.

Description: Left wrist, puncture wound with wooden subcutaneous foreign body.

Anesthesia: 1% lidocaine. Technique: Using an 11 blade scalpel, a 1 cm incision was made to the left wrist. The wound was explored and using tweezers, 2 wood foreign bodies were removed from the wound tips intact.

Post Procedure Exam: Circulation, motor, sensory examination intact.

Final Diagnosis: Left wrist puncture wound with foreign body, initial encounter.

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Procedure performed.

Incision is made.

The location and laterality of the left wrist is noted.

The foreign body is identified and removed.

Initial encounter is supported as this is a surgical procedure.

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

CPT® Code: 10120

ICD-10-CM Code: S61.542A

Rationales:

CPT®: This note illustrates a foreign body removal from the left wrist that resulted from a puncture wound. The removal involved an incision and removal of the foreign bodies with tweezers. In CPT Index, look for Incision and Drainage/Foreign body/ skin leads to 10120 and 10121. This would represent a Simple Incision and foreign body removal and support CPT® code 10120.

ICD-10-CM: The final diagnosis is Left wrist puncture wound with foreign body, Initial encounter. In the ICD-10-CM Alphabetic Index, look for Puncture/wrist/left/with foreign body S61.542. Verification in the Tabular list shows this code requires a 7th character. The Guidelines provide a definition of Initial encounter as surgical treatment, ER encounter, evaluation and management by same or different physician. Removal of the foreign body supports Initial encounter and 7th character “A” is used.