Study: FOOT COMP, RIGHT.

History: Infection of the first through third toes, especially the second toe.

Technique: Right foot, 3 views.

Findings: Soft tissue swelling is seen at the tip of the second digit of the right toe, associated with acro-osteolysis, that I suspect represents osteomyelitis with bone resorption. Irregularity of soft tissues is also seen at the tips of the first, third, and fourth digits, possibly representing ulceration. Early erosive changes of the tufts of the distal phalanges cannot be excluded. Dense calcification of small arteries is noted in the right foot. Small calcaneal enthesophytes are seen. Pes planus is apparent. Arthritis is seen at the first MTP joint, where a small benign is also apparent.

IMPRESSION:
1. Suspected infections of the first through fourth digits at the tips of the toes and distal phalanges, worse at the second digit. Osteomyelitis is suspected.
2. First MTP arthritis.
3. Calcaneal enthesopathy.

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

CPT® Code: 73630-RT

ICD-10-CM Codes: M19.90, M77.31, I70.201, M21.41

Rationales:
CPT®: In the CPT Index, look for X-ray/foot which leads to 73620–73630. Further clarification in the code set verifies 73630 is appropriate to report a complete foot X-ray, minimum of 3 views. Modifier RT is added to indicate the right side was X-rayed. The note does not indicate that only the interpretation or imaging were performed so modifiers are not appended and this is reported as a global procedure.

ICD-10-CM: Look in the ICD-10-CM Alphabetic Index for Arthritis, arthritic. This note lacks detail for the type of arthritis and requires the use of the not otherwise specified code, M19.90.

Next, look in the Alphabetic Index for Enthesopathy/calcaneal spur—see Spur, bone, calcaneal. Spur/bone/calcaneal M77.3-. In the Tabular List, fifth character 1 is reported for the right foot.
Next, look in the Alphabetic Index for Atherosclerosis—see also Arteriosclerosis/extremities (native arteries)/leg/right I70.201. In the Tabular Index this is confirmed as correct. Be cautious with the indentations for the Alphabetic Index. In cases where native or bypass graft is not known, the default is native. Look in the Alphabetic Index for Pes/planus and you are directed to see also Deformity, limb, flat foot. Look in the Alphabetic Index for Deformity/limb/flat foot M21.4-. In the Tabular List, fifth character 1 reports the right foot for the complete code M21.41.