
Documentation Dissection

Here for evaluation of metallic Foreign Body in his right eye.^[1] Happened yesterday at work using a grinder and metal flew into right eye. Was wearing safety goggles. Went to Urgent Care for evaluation. Started on Emycin ointment.

Assessment/Plan:

Corneal FB^[2]

Verbal consent obtained. Topical proparacain placed into right eye. FB removed with 25 g needle, corneal burr used to remove residual corneal staining of rust.^[3] Continue emycin ointment QID, ATs.

Follow up on Monday.

^[1] The foreign body located in the right eye.

^[2] The foreign body was in the cornea. Diagnosis to report.

^[3] A needle was used to remove the foreign body then a small drill was used to remove the rust ring.

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

CPT® Code: 65220-RT

ICD-10-CM Code: T15.01XA

Rationales:

CPT®: In the CPT® Index look for Removal/Foreign Body/Eye/Corneal/without Slit Lamp referring you to 65220. Modifier RT is appended to indicate the surgery was performed on the right eye. A separate code is not reported for the rust ring removal as it is included in the main procedure.

ICD-10-CM: In the Alphabetic Index, look for Foreign body/Cornea referring you to T15.0-. Verification in the Tabular Listing shows seven characters are needed to complete the code. A fifth character is needed for which eye the foreign body was in; T15.01 is appropriate as the foreign body was in the right eye. Next use the "X" as a placeholder in the sixth character position, then report A as the seventh character because the removal of the foreign body meets the definition of an initial encounter
