

## Cheat Sheet To Urology CPT Coding 2022

Claim submission in urology procedures is complex. It requires precise coding and documentation at every step. A minor mistake in coding or documentation can lead to denied claim. It is essential to understand the reasons for denials and ways to prevent them.

Coding being the primary reason for denials in urology, we have put together a comprehensive Urology CPT code cheat sheet for you.

But first, let us understand the top denials that happen in urology.



### Authorization Denials

Authorization denials contribute to one of the significant denials in this practice.

#### Causes

Authorization denials might be caused because of the following reasons.

- Precertification
- Authorization
- Notification Absent

#### Prevention

The front office dept has to ensure the VOB and authorization requirement is checked and obtained prior to rendering the service. If the authorization is not provided, the billing team needs to check with the provider for an authorization number.

### Non-Covered Denials – ICD

Sometimes few of the processes or diagnoses are not covered in the insurance, and this denial is caused if the coverage is not checked in advance.

Need to code and bill with medical necessity and check LCD for the state to prevent these denials.

#### Causes

This denial is caused if the payer does not cover the diagnosis.

#### Prevention

ICD needs to be checked before coding, and if the coverable diagnosis is not listed, this needs to be conveyed to the provider.

A few examples of non-covered diagnoses are as follows:

- Z85.54 - Personal history of malignant neoplasm of the ureter.
- C67.8 - Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of the bladder.
- D41.4 - Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of bladder.
- Z87.442 - Personal history of urinary calculi.

### Bundled Denials

If the payer refuses to pay for two separate reasons, it leads to bundled denials.

#### Causes

This denial can be caused when the healthcare provider bills the payer for two different services.

#### Prevention

- Billers need to check NCCI edits for procedures billed commonly together.
- Use modifier appropriately.

### Examples of Bundled Denials

- CPT 76770 with CPT 51798 - If CPT 51798 is a distinct and separately billable procedure based on what physician did and documented, we can use modifier 59.
- CPT 52234 with 52204- As per NCCI edits, we can use modifier 59 with the CPT 52204 as it is bundled with the code 52234
- CPT 76770, 51798, 51741 -As per NCCI edits, we can use modifier 59 with the CPT 51798 as it is bundled with the code 76770.

### Modifier Denials

- Denial: The procedure code is inconsistent with the modifier used or a required modifier is missing.
- Usage: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.
- Aetna, Cigna, BCBS, UHC - E/M visit need to be appended with modifier 25 when billed with Uroflow, PVR, Urinalysis, Uro cuff, Urodynamics procedures though global concepts do not apply.

## Here is your Urology Code Cheat Sheet for Accurate Coding

CPT Code	Short Description	MUE
50010	Exploration of kidney	1
50020	Renal abscess open drain	1
50040	Drainage of kidney	1
50045	Exploration of kidney	1
50060	Removal of kidney stone	1
50065	Incision of kidney	1
50070	Incision of kidney	1
50075	Removal of kidney stone	1
50080	Removal of kidney stone	1
50081	Removal of kidney stone	1
50100	Revised kidney blood vessels	1
50120	Exploration of kidney	1
50125	Explore and drain kidney	1
50130	Removal of kidney stone	1
50135	Exploration of kidney	1
50200	Renal biopsy perq	1
50205	Renal biopsy open	1
50220	Remove kidney open	1
50225	Remove kidney open complex	1
50230	Remove kidney open radical	1
50234	Removal of kidney & ureter	1
50236	Removal of kidney & ureter	1
50240	Partial removal of kidney	1
50250	Cryoblate renal mass open	1
50280	Removal of kidney lesion	1
50290	Removal of kidney lesion	1
50320	Remove kidney living donor	1
50327	Prep renal graft/venous	1
50328	Prep renal graft/arterial	1
50329	Prep renal graft/ureteral	1
50340	Removal of kidney	1
50360	Transplantation of kidney	1
50365	Transplantation of kidney	1
50370	Remove transplanted kidney	1
50380	Reimplantation of kidney	1
50382	Change ureter stent percut	1
50384	Change ureter stent percut	1
50385	Change stent via transureth	1
50386	Change stent via transureth	1
50387	Change nephroureteral cath	1
50389	Remove renal tube w/fluoro	1
50390	Drainage of kidney lesion	2
50391	Instill rx agnt into mal tub	1
50396	Measure kidney pressure	1
50400	Revision of kidney/ureter	1
50405	Revision of kidney/ureter	1
50430	Njx px nfrogrm & urtrgrm	2
50431	Njx px nfrogrm & urtrgrm	2
50432	Plmt nephroureteral catheter	2
50433	Plmt nephroureteral catheter	2
50434	Convert nephrostomy catheter	2
50435	Exchange nephrostomy cath	2
50436	Dilat xst trc ndrulgpc px	1
50437	Dilat xst trc new access rcs	1
50500	Repair of kidney wound	1
50520	Close kidney-skin fistula	1
50525	Close nephrovisceral fistula	1
50526	Close nephrovisceral fistula	1
50540	Revision of horseshoe kidney	1
50541	Laparo ablate renal cyst	1
50542	Laparo ablate renal mass	1
50543	Laparo partial nephrectomy	1
50544	Laparoscopic pyeloplasty	1
50545	Laparo radical nephrectomy	1
50546	Laparoscopic nephrectomy	1
50547	Laparo removal donor kidney	1
50548	Laparo remove w/ureter	1
50551	Kidney endoscopy	1
50553	Kidney endoscopy	1
50555	Kidney endoscopy & biopsy	1
50557	Kidney endoscopy & treatment	1
50561	Kidney endoscopy & treatment	1
50562	Renal scope w/tumor resect	1
50570	Kidney endoscopy	1
50572	Kidney endoscopy	1
50574	Kidney endoscopy & biopsy	1
50575	Kidney endoscopy	1
50576	Kidney endoscopy & treatment	1
50580	Kidney endoscopy & treatment	1
50590	Fragmenting of kidney stone	1
50592	Perc rf ablate renal tumor	1
50593	Perc cryo ablate renal tum	1
50600	Exploration of ureter	1
50605	Insert ureteral support	1
50606	Endoluminal bx urtr rnl plvs	1
50610	Removal of ureter stone	1
50620	Removal of ureter stone	1
50630	Removal of ureter stone	1
50650	Removal of ureter	1
50660	Removal of ureter	1
50684	Injection for ureter x-ray	1
50686	Measure ureter pressure	2
50688	Change of ureter tube/stent	2
50690	Injection for ureter x-ray	2
50693	Plmt ureteral stent prq	2
50694	Plmt ureteral stent prq	2
50695	Plmt ureteral stent prq	2
50700	Revision of ureter	1
50705	Ureteral embolization/occl	2
50706	Balloon dilate urtrl/stric	2
50715	Release of ureter	1
50722	Release/revise ureter	1
50725	Release/revise ureter	1
50727	Revise ureter	1
50728	Revise ureter	1
50740	Fusion of ureter & kidney	1
50750	Fusion of ureter & kidney	1

CPT Code	Short Description	MUE
52235	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52240	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52250	Cystoscopy and radiotracer	1
52260	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52265	Cystoscopy & revise urethra	1
52270	Cystoscopy & revise urethra	1
52275	Cystoscopy & revise urethra	1
52276	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52277	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52278	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52281	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52282	Cystoscopy implant stent	1
52283	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52285	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52287	Cystoscopy chemodenervation	1
52290	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52300	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52301	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52305	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52310	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52315	Cystoscopy and treatment	2
52317	Remove bladder stone	1
52318	Remove bladder stone	1
52320	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52325	Cystoscopy stone removal	1
52327	Cystoscopy inject material	1
52330	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52332	Cystoscopy and treatment	1
52334	Create passage to kidney	1
52341	Cysto w/ureter stricture tx	1
52342	Cysto w/up stricture tx	1
52343	Cysto w/renal stricture tx	1
52344	Cysto/uretero stricture tx	1
52345	Cysto/uretero w/up stricture	1
52346	Cystouretero w/renal strict	1
52351	Cystouretero & or pyeloscopy	1
52352	Cystouretero w/stone remove	1
52353	Cystouretero w/lithotripsy	1
52354	Cystouretero w/biopsy	1
52355	Cystouretero w/excise tumor	1
52356	Cysto/uretero w/lithotripsy	1
52400	Cystourethro w/congen reopr	1
52402	Cystourethro cut ejaac duct	1
52441	Cystourethro w/implant	1
52442	Cystourethro w/addl implant	6
52450	Incision of prostate	1
52500	Revision of bladder neck	1
52601	Prostatectomy (turp)	1
52630	Remove prostate regrowth	1
52640	Relieve bladder contracture	1
52642	Laser surgery of prostate	1
52648	Laser surgery of prostate	1
52649	Prostate laser enucleation	1
52700	Drainage of prostate abscess	1
53000	Incision of urethra	1
53010	Incision of urethra	1
53020	Incision of urethra	1
53025	Incision of urethra	1
53040	Drainage of urethra abscess	1
53060	Drainage of urethra abscess	1
53080	Drainage of urinary leakage	1
53085	Drainage of urinary leakage	1
53200	Biopsy of urethra	1
53210	Removal of urethra	1
53215	Removal of urethra	1
53220	Treatment of urethra lesion	1
53230	Removal of urethra lesion	1
53235	Removal of urethra lesion	1
53240	Surgery for urethra pouch	1
53250	Removal of urethra pouch	1
53260	Treatment of urethra lesion	1
53265	Treatment of urethra lesion	1
53270	Removal of urethra gland	1
53275	Repair of urethra defect	1
53400	Revise urethra stage 1	1
53405	Revise urethra stage 2	1
53410	Reconstruction of urethra	1
53415	Reconstruction of urethra	1
53420	Reconstruct urethra stage 1	1
53425	Reconstruct urethra stage 2	1
53430	Reconstruction of urethra	1
53431	Reconstruct urethra/bladder	1
53440	Male sling procedure	1
53442	Remove/revise male sling	1
53444	Insert tandem cuff	1
53445	Insert uro/ves sphincter	1
53446	Remove uro sphincter	1
53447	Remove/replace ur sphincter	1
53448	Remove/replc ur sphincter comp	1
53449	Repair ur sphincter	1
53450	Revision of urethra	1
53460	Revision of urethra	1
53500	Urethrllysis transvag w/ scope	1
53502	Repair of urethra injury	1
53505	Repair of urethra injury	1
53510	Repair of urethra injury	1
53515	Repair of urethra injury	1
53520	Repair of urethra defect	1
53600	Dilate urethra stricture	1
53601	Dilate urethra stricture	1
53605	Dilate urethra stricture	1
53620	Dilate urethra stricture	1
53621	Dilate urethra stricture	1
53660	Dilation of urethra	1
53661	Dilation of urethra	1
53665	Dilation of urethra	1
53850	Prostatic microwave thermotx	1
53852	Prostatic rf thermotx	1
53854	Trurl dstjr prst8 tiss rf wv	1
53855	Insert dstjr urethral stent	1
53860	Transurethral rf treatment	1
53899	Unlisted Code	1

CPT Code	Short Description	MUE
50760	Fusion of ureters	1
50770	Splicing ureter	1
50780	Reimplant ureter in bladder	1
50782	Reimplant ureter in bladder	1
50783	Reimplant ureter in bladder	1
50785	Reimplant ureter in bladder	1
50800	Implant ureter in bowel	1
50810	Fusion of ureter & bowel	1
50815	Urine shunt to intestine	1
50820	Construct bowel bladder	1
50825	Construct bowel bladder	1
50830	Revise urine flow	1
50840	Replace ureter by bowel	1
50845	Appendix-vesicostomy	1
50860	Transplant ureter to skin	1
50900	Repair of ureter	1
50920	Closure ureter/skin fistula	2
50930	Closure ureter/bowel fistula	2
50940	Release of ureter	1
50945	Laparoscopy ureterolithotomy	1
50947	Laparo new ureter/bladder	1
50948	Laparo new ureter/bladder	1
50951	Endoscopy of ureter	1
50953	Endoscopy of ureter	1
50955	Ureter endoscopy & biopsy	1
50957	Ureter endoscopy & treatment	1
50961	Ureter endoscopy & treatment	1
50970	Ureter endoscopy	1
50972	Ureter endoscopy & catheter	1
50974	Ureter endoscopy & biopsy	1
50976	Ureter endoscopy & treatment	1
50980	Ureter endoscopy & treatment	1
51020	Incise & treat bladder	1
51030	Incise & treat bladder	1
51040	Incise & drain bladder	1
51045	Incise bladder/drain ureter	2
51050	Removal of bladder stone	1
51060	Removal of ureter stone	1
51065	Remove ureter calculus	1
51080	Drainage of bladder abscess	1
51100	Drain bladder by needle	1
51101	Drain bladder by trocar/cath	1
51102	Drain bl w/cath insertion	1
51500	Removal of bladder cyst	1
51520	Removal of bladder lesion	1
51525	Removal of bladder lesion	1
51530	Removal of bladder lesion	1
51535	Repair of ureter lesion	1
51550	Partial removal of bladder	1
51555	Partial removal of bladder	1
51565	Revise bladder & ureter(s)	1
51570	Removal of bladder	1
51575	Removal of bladder & nodes	1
51580	Remove bladder/revise tract	1
51585	Removal of bladder & nodes	1
51590	Remove bladder/revise tract	1
51595	Remove bladder/revise tract	1
51596	Remove bladder/create pouch	1
51597	Removal of pelvic structures	1
51600	Injection for bladder x-ray	1
51605	Preparation for bladder xray	1
51610	Injection for bladder x-ray	1
51700	Irrigation of bladder	1
51701	Insert bladder catheter	2
51702	Insert temp bladder cath	2
51703	Insert bladder cath complex	2
51705	Change of bladder tube	1
51710	Change of bladder tube	1
51715	Endoscopic injection/implant	1
51720	Treatment of bladder lesion	1
51725	Simple cystometrogram	1
51726	Complex cystometrogram	1
51727	Cystometrogram w/up	1
51728	Cystometrogram w/vp	1
51729	Cystometrogram w/vp&up	1
51736	Urine flow measurement	1
51741	Electro-uroflowmetry first	1
51784	Anal/urinary muscle study	1
51785	Anal/urinary muscle study	1
51792	Urinary reflex study	1
51797	Intraabdominal pressure test	1
51798	Uis urine capacity measure	1
51800	Revision of bladder/urethra	1
51820	Revision of urinary tract	1
51840	Attach bladder/urethra	1
51841	Attach bladder/urethra	1
51845	Repair bladder neck	1
51860	Repair of bladder wound	1
51865	Repair of bladder wound	1
51880	Repair of bladder opening	1
51900	Repair bladder/vagina lesion	1
51920	Close bladder-uterus fistula	1
51925	Hysterectomy/bladder repair	1
51940	Correction of bladder defect	