CPT® Category I Vaccine Codes

ACIP Abbreviations

The CPT Editorial Panel at its May 2014 meeting approved use of US Vaccine abbreviations assigned by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The updated CPT vaccine codes to include ACIP abbreviations were posted to AMA CPT web site starting on January 1, 2015, and included in the CPT 2016 publication.

The guidelines for the Medicine, Vaccines, Toxoids sub-section provide a pre-notification regarding the use of US Vaccine abbreviations in CPT as follows:

The vaccine/toxoid abbreviations listed in codes 90476-90748 reflect the most recent US Vaccine abbreviations references used in Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations at the time of CPT code set publication. Interim updates to vaccine code descriptors will be made following abbreviation approval by the ACIP on a timely basis via the AMA CPT website (www.ama-assn.org/go/cpt-vaccine).

The accuracy of the ACIP vaccine abbreviation designations in the CPT data set does not affect the validity of the vaccine code and its reporting function.