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99217 Observation discharge DOS is not the same as admission DOS

MDM3 - Table of Risk - Use single highest point

99291 30-74 min

99292 additional 30 min after 74

management (94002-94004, 94656, 94660); vascular

CPT® E/M CODE REQUIREMENTS

• Bowel obstruction
• Bile duct obstruction
• Bi/tri-fascicular block
• Acute paranoid
• Acute esophageal/gastrojejunal ulcer

- psych + threat to self / others

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Self-limited / minor - cold, insect bite, tinea

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Life / function threatening

Stable chronic - HTN, DM, BPH

Arterial puncture labs

Therapeutic nuclear med

Elective major surgery + risk factors

Minor surgery + risk factors

CVS imaging, no risk factors

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Critical care, telephone, and prolonged service only.

Time dependent codes - Total time for date of service (Dos)

1 Old record reviewed & summarized

2 New illness / injury no workup

4 2 Established / worse illness / injury

Pertinent +/−

2 Old record + interval hx

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5 1 Established patient only

DNR decision

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