

# Interrupted Pregnancy Coding



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## Objectives

- The participant will be able to:
  - Define terms for abnormal products of conception (Hydatidiform mole, molar pregnancy, blighted ovum)
  - Define abortion procedure codes (missed, ectopic, spontaneous, septic, induced)
  - Report an abortion performed using injections or suppositories

## Objectives (continued)

- Participants will be able to:
  - Link each diagnosis to the appropriate procedure code
  - Report a medical (nonsurgical) abortion
  - Understand which services may be reported in addition to abortion procedures

## Hydatidiform Mole

- Definition: The cells from the fertilized egg multiply abnormally, resulting in a mass of cells resembling a cluster of grapes.
- Diagnosis code: 630 Hydatidiform mole
  - Code is reported with only 3 digits
- Procedure codes: 59870 or 59100

## Hydatidiform Mole Procedure 59870

- Uterine evacuation and curettage for Hydatidiform mole
  - Transcervical approach
  - Sounding of uterus for size
  - Dilation of cervical canal
  - Evacuation of uterine cavity, any method (usually suction curettage)
  - Administration of intravenous oxytocin
  - Injection of prostaglandin into the myometrium of the uterus for hemostasis

## Hydatidiform Mole Procedure 59870

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - Insertion of cervical dilator by physician (59200)
  - Paracervical block (64435)
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: Post-op visits for 90 days following this procedure are included

## Hydatidiform Mole Procedure 59100

- Hysterotomy, abdominal (eg, for hydatidiform mole abortion)
  - Incision into abdomen
  - Incision into uterus
  - Removal of products of conception
  - Uterine closure
  - Abdominal closure

## Hydatidiform Mole Procedure 59100

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: Post-op visits for 90 days following this procedure are included

## Other Abnormal Products of Conception

- Mole (carneous, fleshy, stone)
  - Abnormal growth of cells develops from products of conception (POC)
- Blighted ovum
  - The fertilized egg develops a placenta and membrane but no embryo is present
- **Diagnosis code: 631 Other abnormal product of conception**
  - Code is reported with only 3 digits

## Other Abnormal Products of Conception Procedures

- Sometimes results in spontaneous miscarriage – Report E/M Code
- Otherwise, perform either:
  - Dilation and curettage (58120)
  - Hysterotomy, abdominal (59100)

## Dilation and Curettage (58120)

- Transcervical approach
- Sound uterus for size
- Dilation of cervical canal
- Uterine curettage to scrape sides of uterus and remove tissue



## Dilation and Curettage 58120

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - Administration of paracervical block (64435)
  - Insertion of cervical dilator by physician (59200)
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: Post-op visits for 10 days following this procedure are included

## Missed Abortion

- Definition: An empty gestational sac, blighted ovum or a fetus or fetal pole with a heartbeat prior to completion of 20 weeks 0 days gestation.
  - Note: ICD-9-CM defines as 22 weeks
  - Note: ACOG defines as 20 weeks
- If beyond this period of time, use “missed delivery” code 656.43 instead

## Missed Abortion

- Diagnosis code: 632 Missed abortion
  - Code is reported with only 3 digits
- “...not following spontaneous or induced abortion or delivery”

## Missed Abortion Procedures

### 59820-59821

- Procedures designate trimesters
  - First Trimester – First day of last menstrual period (day 0) to less than 14 weeks (13 weeks 6 days)
  - Second trimester – 14 weeks 0 days to 28 weeks 9 days

## Missed Abortion and Trimesters

- Some state legislatures legally define the difference between a miscarriage (spontaneous abortion) and a stillbirth (baby not born alive) by either:
  - The number of weeks gestation OR
  - By gram weight of the fetus
- This legal definition may determine which CPT code is reported.

## Missed Abortion Procedure 59820

- Treatment of missed abortion, completed surgically; **first trimester**
  - Transcervical approach
  - Sounding of uterus for size
  - Serial dilation of cervix with mechanical dilators
  - Emptying uterine cavity of products of conception using
    - Suction apparatus OR
    - Sharp curette
  - Administration of intravenous oxytocin
  - Removal of instruments
  - Repair of cervix

## Missed Abortion Procedure 59820

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - Administration of paracervical block (64435)
  - Insertion of cervical dilator by physician (59200)
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: Post-op visits for 90 days following this procedure are included

## Missed Abortion Procedure 59821

- Treatment of missed abortion, completed surgically; **second trimester**
  - Transcervical approach
  - Sounding of uterus for size
  - Serial dilation of cervix with mechanical dilators
  - Emptying uterine cavity of products of conception using
    - Suction apparatus OR
    - Sharp curette
  - Administration of intravenous oxytocin
  - ***Reconstruction of fetal and placental parts as much as possible to ensure all products of conception have been removed***
  - Removal of instruments
  - Repair of cervical incision

## Missed Abortion Procedure 59821

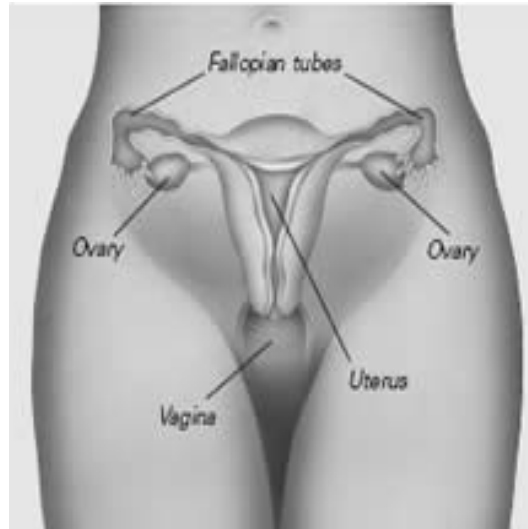
- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - Administration of paracervical block (64435)
  - **Ultrasound guidance (76998)**
  - Insertion of cervical dilator by physician (59200)
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: Post-op visits for 90 days following this procedure are included

## Ectopic Pregnancy

- Definition: fertilized egg implants outside the uterus
- Diagnosis Code 633 Ectopic Pregnancy
  - Requires 5 digits

## Ectopic Pregnancy Diagnoses

- Digit 4 – location of pregnancy
  - 633.0 abdominal
  - 633.1 tubal
  - 633.2 ovarian
  - 633.8 other
  - 633.9 unspecified



## Ectopic Pregnancy Diagnoses

- Fifth digit indicates whether or there is also a pregnancy within the uterus
  - 633.X0 without intrauterine pregnancy
  - 633.X1 with intrauterine pregnancy

## Ectopic Procedures

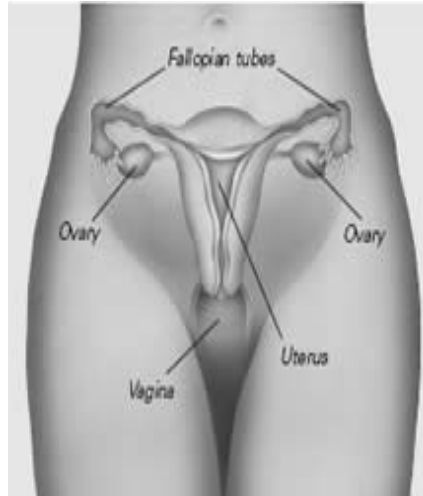
- Open
- Laparoscopic
- Oral medication

## Ectopic Pregnancy – Open Procedures

- Codes vary by location of ectopic tissue
- Ovarian and tubal codes vary by whether or not tubes and ovaries are removed
- Interstitial codes vary by whether or not all or part of uterus is removed

## Tubal or Ovarian Pregnancy – Open Procedures 59120-59121

- Open Procedure
  - Abdominal or vaginal approach
  - Evacuation of hemoperitoneum
  - Removal of ectopic tissue, any method
  - Salpingectomy and/or oophorectomy?
    - Yes—59120
    - No—59121
- Diagnosis codes
  - Tubal 633.1X
  - Ovarian 633.2X



## Tubal or Ovarian Pregnancy - 59120 and 59121

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - Diagnostic laparoscopy (49320)
  - D&C to see if also intrauterine pregnancy
    - 58120 (no intrauterine pregnancy)
    - 59812 (intrauterine pregnancy)
  - Tubal reconstructive surgery (opposite side)
  - Administration of paracervical block (64435)
  - E/M services as appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit to diagnose ectopic pregnancy (57 modifier)
- Note: Post-op visits for 90 days following this procedure are included



## Abdominal Pregnancy – Open Procedure 59130

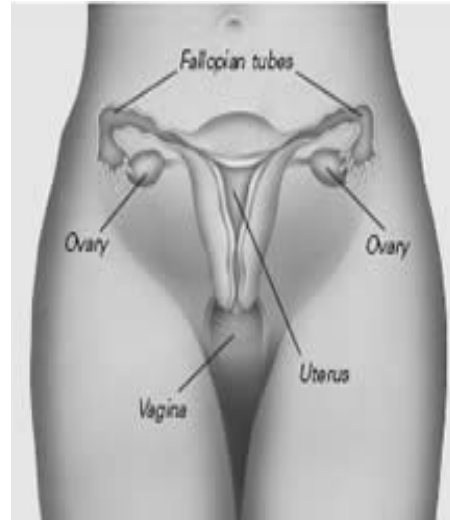
- Open Procedure
  - Abdominal incision
  - Evacuation of hemoperitoneum
  - Isolation and resection of ectopic pregnancy, any method
  - Delivery of fetus
  - Delivery of placenta. May also be left in situ
- Diagnosis code: 633.0X

## Abdominal Pregnancy Code 59130

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - Diagnostic laparoscopy (49320)
  - D&C to see if also intrauterine pregnancy
    - 58120 (no intrauterine pregnancy)
    - 59812 (intrauterine pregnancy)
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: Post-op visits for 90 days following this procedure are included

## Interstitial Pregnancy – Open Procedures 59135-59136

- Interstitial pregnancy - POC implant in the uterine portion of the fallopian tubes, lateral to the round ligament.
- Diagnosis code: 633.8X (other ectopic)



## Interstitial Pregnancy Code 59135

- Abdominal incision
- Evacuation of hemoperitoneum
- **Total hysterectomy** (removal of corpus and cervix)
- May or may not also remove the tubes and ovaries

## Interstitial Pregnancy 59136

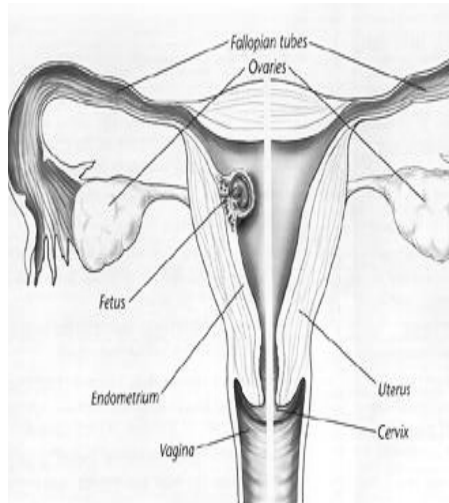
- Abdominal incision
- Evacuation of hemoperitoneum
- **Partial hysterectomy** (removal of cornual region of the uterus containing the interstitial pregnancy)
- **Reattachment of round ligament which connects tube to uterus**

## Interstitial Pregnancy 59135 & 59136

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - Diagnostic laparoscopy (49320)
  - D&C to see if also intrauterine pregnancy
    - 58120 (no intrauterine pregnancy)
    - 59812 (intrauterine pregnancy)
  - Tubal reconstructive surgery (opposite side)
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: Post-op visits for 90 days following this procedure are included

## Cervical Pregnancy – Open Procedure 59140

- Cervical pregnancy
  - Embryo has implanted in the cervix
- Diagnosis code: 633.8



## Cervical Ectopic Pregnancy 59140

- Transcervical approach
- Dilation of cervical canal
- Evacuation of ectopic implantation
- Cervical packing

## Cervical Ectopic Pregnancy 59140

- Other services that also be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - Cerclage to prevent hemorrhage may be performed prior to evacuation (59320)
  - D&C to see if also intrauterine pregnancy
    - 58120 (no intrauterine pregnancy)
    - 59812 (intrauterine pregnancy)
  - Trachelectomy 57530
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: follow-up visits for 90 days following this procedure are included

## Ectopic Pregnancy Procedures - Laparoscopic

- Codes 59150 and 59151
  - Salpingectomy and/or oophorectomy?
    - Yes—59150
    - No—59151
- If procedure performed laparoscopically, a laparoscopic code must be reported
- Laparoscopy codes do not designate site of ectopic tissue

## Laparoscopic Treatment of Ectopic Pregnancy 59150

- Laparoscopic creation of pneumoperitoneum
- Insertion of trocars and instruments
- Evacuation of hemoperitoneum
- Excision and removal of ectopic pregnancy
- Release of carbon dioxide gas
- Removal of instruments

## Laparoscopic Treatment of Ectopic Pregnancy 59151

- Laparoscopic creation of pneumoperitoneum
- Insertion of trocars and instruments
- Evacuation of hemoperitoneum
- Excision and removal of ectopic pregnancy
- **Salpingectomy and/or oophorectomy**
- Release of carbon dioxide gas
- Removal of instruments

## Laparoscopic Treatment of Ectopic Pregnancy 59150, 59151

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Diagnostic laparoscopy (49320)
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - D&C to see if also intrauterine pregnancy
    - 58120 (no intrauterine pregnancy)
    - 59812 (intrauterine pregnancy)
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: post-op visits for 90 days following this procedure are included

## Other Pregnancy with Abortive Outcome Diagnoses 634-639

- Different diagnoses depending on whether it is defined as:
  - Spontaneous abortion
  - Induced abortion
  - Septic abortion

## Other Pregnancy with Abortive Outcome – Diagnoses 634-639

- Diagnosis codes require 4<sup>th</sup> digits
  - Listed in table after section heading in ICD-9-CM book, but also in codes themselves
  - Describe complications associated with the abortion

## 4<sup>th</sup> Digits for Diagnoses 634-639

- Complications of abortion:
  - .0 Genital tract and pelvic infection
  - .1 Delayed or excessive hemorrhage
  - .2 Damage to pelvic organs and tissues
  - .3 Renal failure
  - .4 Metabolic disorders
  - .5 Shock
  - .6 Embolism
  - .7 Other specified complications
  - .8 Unspecified complications
  - .9 Without mention of complication



## 5<sup>th</sup> Digits for Abortion Diagnoses 634-639

- Digits listed under each 3-digit headings
- 0 - Unspecified (documentation does not state incomplete or complete)
- 1 - Incomplete (all POC have not been expelled)
- 2 - Complete (all POC had been completely expelled prior to this episode of care)

## Spontaneous Abortion

- Definition: POC are expelled without surgical or medical intervention. Also called miscarriage.
- Diagnosis: 634
- Procedure depends on:
  - Weeks gestation
  - Complete or incomplete

## Spontaneous Abortion Procedures

- Procedure reported with diagnosis code 634.X2
  - Prior to 20 weeks 0 days gestational age – E/M codes
  - After 20 weeks 0 days gestational age – Delivery code
- Procedure reported with diagnosis code 634.X1 (incomplete)
  - Prior to 20 weeks 0 days gestational age – 59812
  - After 20 weeks 0 days gestational age – Delivery code
- Fourth digit X in diagnosis code indicates complication

## Incomplete Spontaneous Abortion Procedure 59812

- Sounding of uterus for size
- Serial dilation of cervix with mechanical dilators
- Emptying uterine cavity of POC using:
  - Suction apparatus OR
  - Sharp curette
- Administration of intravenous oxytocin
- Repair of cervix

## Incomplete Spontaneous Abortion Procedure 59812

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - Administration of paracervical block (64435)
  - Insertion of cervical dilator (59200)
  - D&C to see if also intrauterine pregnancy
    - 58120 (no intrauterine pregnancy)
    - 59812 (intrauterine pregnancy)
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: post-op visits for 90 days following this procedure are included

## Septic Abortion

- Definition: Infection of POC, membranes and/or endometrial lining
- Diagnoses:
  - Use fourth digit 0 (genital tract and pelvic infection) with appropriate code 634-638
  - Use also another code such as:
    - 658.43 (infection of amniotic cavity)
    - 646.63 (infection of genitourinary tract in pregnancy)

## Septic Abortion Procedure 59830

- Administration of intravenous antibiotics prior to and during the procedure
- Sounding of uterus for size
- Serial dilation of cervix with mechanical dilators
- Emptying uterine cavity of POC using:
  - Suction apparatus OR
  - Sharp curette
- Repair of cervix
- Administration of intravenous oxytocin

## Induced Abortions

- Diagnosis codes – 635-638
- Procedure codes
  - CPT – 59830-59857
  - HCPCS S procedure codes
    - S2260 (17 to 24 weeks, any surgical method)
    - S2262 (25 weeks or greater, for maternal indication)
    - S2265 (25-28 weeks, for fetal indication)
    - S2266 (29-31 weeks, for fetal indication)
    - S2267 (32 weeks or greater, for fetal indication)

## Using Other Codes from Chapter 11 with Abortion Code

- Sometimes codes from Pregnancy chapter are reported with abortion codes
- Provides information on conditions that led to decision to perform abortion, for example
  - Medical problems in mother
    - 647.53 Rubella in mother
    - 648.33 Drug dependence in mother
  - Medical problems in fetus
    - 655.03 Anencephaly
    - 655.13 Chromosomal abnormality in fetus

## Legally Induced Abortion

- Definition: POC are expelled due to surgical or medical intervention by physician. Also called therapeutic or elective abortion.
- Diagnosis code: 635 (5 digits required)
- Procedure codes: surgical (D&C or D&E) or medical intervention

## Legally Induced Abortion – Surgical 59840

- Dilation and curettage
  - Sounding of uterus for size
  - Serial dilation of cervix with mechanical dilators
  - Emptying uterine cavity of the products of conception
    - Suction apparatus OR
    - Sharp curette
  - Administration of intravenous oxytocin
  - Removal of surgical instruments

## Legally Induced Abortion – Surgical 59841

- Dilation and evacuation
  - Sounding of uterus for size
  - Serial dilation of cervix with mechanical dilators
  - Emptying uterine cavity of the products of conception
    - Suction apparatus OR
    - Sharp curette
  - **Reconstruction of fetal and placental parts as much as possible to ensure all POC have been removed**
  - Administration of intravenous oxytocin
  - Removal of surgical instruments

## Legally Induced Abortion – Surgical 59841

- Dilation and evacuation 59841
  - 14 weeks 0 days to 20 weeks 0 days 59841
  - 20 weeks or more 59841-22
    - Modifier 22 used to indicate the increased procedural services (physician work) involved when the gestational period is 20 weeks or more

## Induced Abortion – Surgical 59840-59841

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - Administration of paracervical block (64435)
  - Insertion of cervical dilator (59200)
  - Ultrasound guidance (76998)
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: post-op visits for 10 days following this procedure are included

## Legally Induced Abortion - Medical

- Injections 59850-59852
- Suppositories 59855-59857
- Oral Medications

## Legally Induced Abortion – Injections 59850

- Hospital admission
- Hospital visits before and after procedure
- Injections into amniotic sac around fetus
- Delivery of fetus
- Delivery of secundines, which includes:
  - Placenta
  - Umbilical cord
  - Membranes



## Legally Induced Abortion - Injections

- 59851 – Dilation and curettage and/or evacuation to remove remaining tissue
- 59852 – Procedure has failed; abdominal and uterine incision necessary to remove fetus and secundines (hysterotomy)

## Legally Induced Abortion – Injections 59850-59851

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - Insertion of cervical dilator by physician (59200)
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: follow-up visits for 90 days following this procedure are included

## Legally Induced Abortion – Injections 59852 (Failed)

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - Insertion of cervical dilator by physician (59200)
  - **Dilation and curettage (58120)**
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: post-op visits for 90 days following this procedure are included

## Legally Induced Abortion – Suppositories 59855

- Hospital admission
- Hospital visits
- Transcervical approach
- Sounding of uterus for size
- May include insertion of laminaria to dilate cervix
- Suppositories inserted into vaginal canal to induce labor
- Delivery of fetus
- Delivery of secundines
  - Placenta
  - Umbilical cord
  - Membranes

## Legally Induced Abortion – Suppositories

- 59856 - Dilation and curettage and/or evacuate to remove remaining tissue
- 59857– Procedure has failed; abdominal and uterine incision necessary to remove fetus and secundines (hysterotomy)

## Induced Abortion – Suppositories 59855-59856

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: post-op visits for 90 days following this procedure are included

## Induced Abortion – Suppositories 59857

- Other services that also can be reported
  - Transvaginal or transabdominal ultrasound
  - **Dilation and curettage (58120)**
  - E/M service if appropriate
    - Antepartum care
    - Visit when condition diagnosed (modifier 57)
- Note: post-op visits for 90 days following this procedure are included

## Legally Induced Abortion – Oral Medications

- Mifepristone (Mifeprex) and Misoprostol
  - No global code to report this service
  - Visits, drugs, ultrasound reported separately
- Very specific requirements for:
  - Patient education prior to procedure
  - Physician qualifications

## Legally Induced Abortion – Oral Medications

- Danco Laboratories - Only company in the US that is authorized to manufacture, market and distribute these drugs
  - [www.earlyoptionpill.com](http://www.earlyoptionpill.com)
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
  - Established requirements for physicians
  - Provides Medication Guidelines
  - Provides Patient Agreement
  - [www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/mifepristone/](http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/mifepristone/)

## Oral Medications

- FDA requirements for physicians who dispense these drugs
  - Must provide patient with Medication Guide
  - Must have patient sign Patient Agreement
  - If medical treatment is unsuccessful, must inform Danco Laboratories
  - Must report any complications that result from treatment
  - Must record medication's serial number in patient's record

## Oral Medications

- Some states have additional requirements for a medical abortion, such as
  - 24 hour waiting period before first tablets given
  - Four visits may be required rather than 3 visits

## Oral Medications – Visit 1

- Provide Medication Guide – how the drug works and what to expect during treatment
- Secure Patient Agreement – Sign form agreeing to treatment and agreeing to come for 2 additional visits
- Other counseling

## Oral Medications – Visit 1

- Perform ultrasound examination to date pregnancy
  - Patient must be less than 7 weeks pregnant
  - Up to 49 days after beginning of her last menstrual period

## Oral Medications – Visit 1

- Dispensing the medication (Mifepristone tablets)
- Note: Physician cannot give patient prescription for these tablets. Must be given by the physician to patient in the office.

## Coding for First Visit Using CPT Codes

- Ultrasound service
  - 76815 – limited ultrasound exam OR
  - 76817 – transvaginal ultrasound exam
- Counseling
  - E/M code based on typical time listed
- Medication
  - 99070 (CPT's general supply code) OR
  - J8499 (Prescription drug, oral, non-chemotherapeutic, NOS)

## Coding for First Visit Using HCPCS S Codes

- S0199 Medically induced abortion by oral ingestion of medication including all associated services and supplies (except drug). Includes:
  - Patient counseling
  - Office visits
  - Confirmation of pregnancy by hCG
  - Ultrasound to confirm duration of pregnancy
  - Ultrasound to confirm completion of abortion



## Coding for First Visit Using HCPCS S Codes

- Reporting the drug
  - S0190 Mifepristone, oral, 200 mg (Mifeprex)

## Oral Medications – Visit 2

- Takes place 2 days after first visit
- Counseling and/or examining the patient
- Dispensing the medication (Misoprostol) tablets
- Physician may also give medications to treat symptoms such as nausea or diarrhea

## Coding for Second Visit for Using CPT Codes

- E/M established patient code using typical time (99212-99215)
- Medication
  - 99070 (CPT's general supply code) OR
  - J8499 (Prescription drug, oral, non-chemotherapeutic, NOS)

## Coding for Second Visit Using HCPCS S Codes

- S0199 Medically induced abortion by oral ingestion of medication
- Medication
  - S0191 Misoprostol, oral, 200 mcg.

## Oral Medications – Visit 3

- Approximately 12 days later
- E/M service to confirm that pregnancy has been terminated
- If pregnancy has not been terminated, then it may be necessary to see the patient for another visit to provide a surgical abortion (59840, D&C)

## Coding for Third Visit Using CPT Codes

- E/M established patient visit based on either:
  - Examination to establish whether pregnancy has been terminated OR
  - Counseling

## Abortions Using Oral Medications

- Sometimes, physicians prescribe
  - Methotrexate (a cancer drug) and Misoprostol
  - Instead of Mifepristone and Misoprostol
- This is also reported using codes for E/M services, ultrasounds, and the medications

## Illegally Induced Abortion 636

- Abortion has been legal in the United States since 1973
- These illegally induced abortion codes are not used in this country
- Exception: self-induced?

## Unspecified Abortion

- Retained products of conception following abortion that was performed during previous encounter
- Diagnosis: 637
- Procedure: usually 59812
  - Surgical treatment of incomplete abortion

## Failed Attempted Abortion

- Definition: An abortion was attempted, but the patient remained pregnant at the end of the encounter
- Diagnosis 638 – Four digits required
- Procedure: An abortion code, depending on what procedure was attempted
  - Modifier 52 (reduced services) if another procedure was performed during the session
  - Modifier 53 (discontinued services) no other procedure is performed during the session

## Complications following Abortion, Ectopic and Molar Pregnancies

- Diagnosis 639 (4 digit codes)
- Two Possible Scenarios:
  - Successful abortion during previous visit; patient now seen for complication
  - Successful abortion during this visit; but patient has developed a complication. There is no way to code the specific complication.

## 639 Codes – Separate Visits

- Successful abortion during previous visit; patient now seen for complication
- Visit 1 – report appropriate abortion code
- Visit 2 – report code from 639 series

## 639 Codes – Same Visit

- 630 (hydatidiform mole) has only 3 digits; no 4<sup>th</sup> digit available to report complications
- Example: patient is treated for hydatidiform mole and suffers renal failure (same encounter)
  - 630 (hydatidiform mole)
  - 639.3 (complication, renal failure)

## 639 Code – Same Visit

- Code 631 (other abnormal products of conception)
- Code only has only 3 digits
  - no 4<sup>th</sup> digit available to report complications
- Example: patient is treated for blighted ovum and damage to tissues (same encounter)
  - 631 (other abnormal products of conception)
  - 639.2 (complication, damage to pelvic organs or tissues)

## 639 Code – Same Visit

- Code 633 (ectopic pregnancy) – 5 digits
  - 4<sup>th</sup> digit for location of ectopic tissue
  - 5<sup>th</sup> digit indicates whether or not intra-uterine pregnancy is also present
- Example: patient is treated for tubal pregnancy but suffers excessive hemorrhage (same visit)
  - 633.10 (tubal pregnancy)
  - 639.1 (hemorrhage)

## Summary

- Check documentation carefully to determine:
  - Gestational age
  - Whether abortion was spontaneous, induced, septic, missed, molar
  - Location of ectopic pregnancy
  - If any other diagnoses from the pregnancy chapter apply



## Summary

- It is important to link the correct diagnosis code with correct procedure code
- Don't forget other services that may be reportable, eg
  - E/M codes
  - Ultrasound
  - Cervical dilator
  - Paracervical block

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