

Dermatology Coding Alert

Correction

The January 2005 Dermatology Coding Alert article "Get Ready to Change Your Lesion Destruction Reporting" stated that NCCI 11.0 edits included several mutually exclusive edits for codes 17000 (Destruction [e.g., laser surgery, electrocautery, cryosurgery, chemosurgery, surgical curettage], all benign or premalignant lesions [e.g., actinic keratoses] other than skin tags or cutaneous vascular proliferative lesions; first lesion) and 17004 (Destruction [e.g., laser surgery, electrocautery, cryosurgery, chemosurgery, surgical curettage], all benign or premalignant lesions [e.g., actinic keratoses] other than skin tags or cutaneous vascular proliferative lesions, 15 or more lesions).

The article should have stated that these once mutually exclusive bundles were deleted by the NCCI, according to version 11.0.