

Eli's Rehab Report

You Be the Coder: Manual Traction

Test your coding knowledge. Determine how you would code this situation before looking at the box below for the answer.

Question: Our office has been billing CPT 97122 and now have been told this is an old code. What code should we use?

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Answer: One of the major changes made to the 1999 **physical medicine** and rehabilitation section of the CPT was the deletion of 97122 (manual traction). The only code that currently replaces it is 97140 (manual therapy techniques). Manual therapy techniques is described as mobilization/manipulation, manual lymphatic drainage, manual traction, one or more regions, each 15 minutes.