

Outpatient Facility Coding Alert

Condition 101: Dupuytren's Contracture Defined

In Dupuytren's contracture (728.6, Contracture of palmar fascia), the patient experiences a thickening and contracture of tissues beneath the skin in the palmar surface of his hand and fingers. One or multiple fingers may be affected. The condition is painless, but can prevent the patient from using his hands adequately. Treatment options can include splinting, physical therapy, injections, or fasciotomy.