

# Final Summary Changes OPCS - 4.7 - OPCS - 4.8

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## Introduction

The OPCS-4 Classification of Interventions and Procedures (OPCS-4) is a statistical classification for clinical coding of hospital interventions and procedures undertaken by the National Health Service (NHS). It is an approved NHS Fundamental Information Standard. The classification is mandatory for use by healthcare providers to support various forms of data collections for operational and secondary uses. It is mandatory for Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Sets (CDS). The requirements for data sets and related definitions are specified in the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

<http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/>

The OPCS-4 classification is updated to accurately reflect current NHS clinical practice through the addition of new content as necessary. Key classification characteristics are retained to maintain consistency and comparability across OPCS-4 versions and statistical data.

## Purpose

This document provides the final summary of the core changes made to the codes and descriptions contained in the Tabular List Four Character Subcategories, Inclusions, Exclusions and Notes in OPCS-4.7 to produce OPCS-4.8.

## Audience

This document is aimed at clinical coding professionals, NHS healthcare providers and NHS suppliers that build /update software to support NHS business functions and interoperability.

## Retirement of codes / change in description

System and software suppliers are asked to note the changes, including retirements of codes listed below. These have been removed from the Metadata file so that they are not perpetuated in OPCS-4.8 implementations. The OPCS-4.8 Table of Coding Equivalences provides guidance on mapping the new codes to the retired codes.

## Attention to nephrostomy tube

There is an overlap in the meaning of codes **M06.4 Attention to nephrostomy tube NEC** and **M16.2 Maintenance of drainage tube of kidney**; resulting in the two codes classifying the same procedure.

Consequently, the following change has been implemented

- Existing subcategory code **M06.4** and description has been retired

The retired subcategory code and description is represented as follows in the OPCS-4.8 Tabular Volume 1 and Codes and Titles:

**M06.4** Code retired – refer to introduction

## Small bone

There are inconsistencies in how Trusts assign codes for procedures carried out on 'short bones' due to uncertainty of whether 'small bone' is synonymous with 'short bone' which is the terminology used in the descriptions at **W19.4**, **W24.4** and **O17.4**. The use of the term 'small' is not consistent with the classification of bone types used by clinicians and the

terminology used in ICD-10. Consequently, the term 'small' has been deleted and replaced with 'short' as follows:

- **W19.4 Primary open reduction of fracture of ~~small~~ short bone and fixation using screw**
- **W24.4 Closed reduction of fracture of ~~small~~ short bone and fixation using screw**
- **O17.4 Remanipulation of fracture of ~~small~~ short bone and fixation using screw**

## Core changes made to OPCS-4.8

This summary list does **not** reflect changes made to the Introduction, Tabular List of Three Character Categories, code ranges, High Cost Drugs, Chemotherapy Regimens or Alphabetical Index.

It is therefore **unsafe to use this information to assign codes or to annotate existing OPCS-4.8 books, as it does not reflect all changes made to produce OPCS-4.8.**

Changes are identified as follows:

- New code(s) and description are underlined
- Codes and words in OPCS-4.7 that have been deleted are shown by a strike through
- Words in OPCS-4.8 that have been added are shown by an underline.

Note: Chapter heading only indicates that the chapter has not changed.

## Chapter A - NERVOUS SYSTEM

### **A82 Other neurophysiological operations**

**Note: Principal A84**

#### **A82.1 Quantitative sensory testing**

#### **A82.8 Other specified**

#### **A82.9 Unspecified**

### **A84 Neurophysiological operations**

**Note: Principal category, extended at A82**

## Chapter B - ENDOCRINE SYSTEM AND BREAST

### **B28 Other excision of breast**

**Note: Principal category, extended at B41**

***Use a supplementary code for removal of lymph node (T85-T87)***

#### **B32.4 Vacuum biopsy of lesion of breast**

**Includes: Vacuum assisted biopsy of lesion of breast**

**B35 Operations on nipple and areola**

*Includes: Skin of nipple  
Skin of areola*

**B36 Reconstruction of nipple and areola**

*Includes: Skin of nipple  
Skin of areola*

**B41 Excision of breast**

**Note: Principal B28**

**Use a supplementary code for removal of lymph node (T85-T87)**

**B41.1 Radionuclide guided excision of lesion of breast**

*Includes: Radionuclide guided lumpectomy*

**B41.2 Radionuclide guided partial excision of breast**

*Includes: Radionuclide guided wedge excision of breast  
Radionuclide guided wide excision of breast*

**B41.8 Other specified**

**B41.9 Unspecified**

## Chapter C – EYE

## Chapter D – EAR

**D06.4 Graft of skin to external ear**

**D06.5 Flap of skin to external ear**

## Chapter E - RESPIRATORY TRACT

**E09 Operations on external nose**

*Includes: Skin of external nose*

**Note: Principal category, extended at E66**

***Codes from Chapter S may be used to enhance these codes***

**E09.7 Graft of skin to external nose**

**E20.1 Total adenoidectomy**

*Includes: Excision of adenoid  
Adenoidectomy*

**Note:** *Use as a secondary code when associated with excision of tonsil (F34, F36.6)*

**E20.4 Suction diathermy adenoidectomy**

**Note:** *Use as a secondary code when associated with excision of tonsil (F34, F36.6)*

**E48 Therapeutic fiberoptic endoscopic operations on lower respiratory tract**

*Includes: Therapeutic endoscopic operations on lower respiratory tract NEC*

*Trachea*

*Carina*

*Bronchus*

*Lung*

**Note:** *Principal category, extended at E67*

*It is not necessary to code additionally any mention of diagnostic fiberoptic endoscopic examination of lower respiratory tract (E49.9)*

*Use a subsidiary site code as necessary*

**E66 Other operations on external nose**

*Includes: Skin of external nose*

**Note:** *Principal E09*

**Codes from Chapter S may be used to enhance these codes**

**E66.1 Flap of skin to external nose**

**E66.8 Other specified**

**E66.9 Unspecified**

**E67 Other therapeutic fiberoptic endoscopic operations on lower respiratory tract**

*Includes: Therapeutic endoscopic operations on lower respiratory tract NEC*

*Trachea*

*Carina*

*Bronchus*

*Lung*

**Note:** *Principal E48*

**It is not necessary to code additionally any mention of diagnostic fiberoptic endoscopic examination of lower respiratory tract (E49.9)**

**Use a subsidiary site code as necessary**

**E67.1 Endoscopic thermal bronchoplasty**

**E67.8 Other specified**

**E67.9 Unspecified**

## Chapter F – MOUTH

### F09.6 Coronectomy NEC

## Chapter G - UPPER DIGESTIVE TRACT

### G12 Other fibreoptic endoscopic extirpation of lesion of oesophagus

*Includes: Endoscopic extirpation of lesion of oesophagus NEC*

*Excludes: When associated with general fibreoptic endoscopic examination of upper gastrointestinal tract (G42, G43)*

**Note: Principal G14**

**It is not necessary to code diagnostic fibreoptic endoscopic examination limited to oesophagus (G16.9)**

### G12.1 Fibreoptic endoscopic mucosal resection of lesion of oesophagus

### G12.8 Other specified

### G12.9 Unspecified

### **G14 Fibreoptic endoscopic extirpation of lesion of oesophagus**

*Includes: Endoscopic extirpation of lesion of oesophagus NEC*

*Excludes: When associated with general fibreoptic endoscopic examination of upper gastrointestinal tract (G42, G43)*

**Note: Principal category, extended at G12**

**It is not necessary to code diagnostic fibreoptic endoscopic examination limited to oesophagus (G16.9)**

### **G15 Other therapeutic fibreoptic endoscopic operations on oesophagus**

*Includes: Therapeutic endoscopic operations on oesophagus NEC*

*Excludes: When associated with general fibreoptic endoscopic examination of upper gastrointestinal tract (G44, G46)*

**Note: Principal category, extended at G20**

**It is not necessary to code diagnostic fibreoptic endoscopic examination limited to oesophagus (G16.9)**

### G20 Therapeutic fibreoptic endoscopic operations on oesophagus

*Includes: Therapeutic endoscopic operations on oesophagus NEC*

*Excludes: When associated with general fibreoptic endoscopic examination of upper gastrointestinal tract (G44, G46)*

**Note: Principal G15**

**It is not necessary to code diagnostic fibreoptic endoscopic examination limited to oesophagus (G16.9)**

### G20.1 Fibreoptic endoscopic coagulation of bleeding lesion of oesophagus

### G20.8 Other specified

**G20.9 Unspecified**

**G42.3 Fibreoptic endoscopic mucosal resection of lesion of upper gastrointestinal tract**

**G46.2 Fibreoptic endoscopic coagulation of bleeding lesion of upper gastrointestinal tract**

**G82.5 Radiological reduction of intussusception of ileum using air enema**

## **Chapter H - LOWER DIGESTIVE TRACT**

**H20.7 Fibreoptic endoscopic mucosal resection of lesion of colon**

**H23.7 Endoscopic mucosal resection of lesion of lower bowel using fibreoptic sigmoidoscope**

**H26 Endoscopic extirpation of lesion of sigmoid colon using rigid sigmoidoscope**

*Includes: Rectum*

**Note: Principal category, extended at H37**

*It is not necessary to code diagnostic endoscopic operations on sigmoid colon using rigid sigmoidoscope (H28.9)*

*Use a subsidiary site code as necessary*

**H37 Other endoscopic extirpation of lesion of sigmoid colon using rigid sigmoidoscope**

*Includes: Rectum*

**Note: Principal H26**

*It is not necessary to code diagnostic endoscopic operations on sigmoid colon using rigid sigmoidoscope (H28.9)*

*Use a subsidiary site code as necessary*

**H37.1 Endoscopic mucosal resection of lesion of sigmoid colon using rigid sigmoidoscope**

**H37.8 Other specified**

**H37.9 Unspecified**

**H56.1 Biopsy of lesion of anus**

*Includes: Biopsy of anus*

**Biopsy of perianal skin region**

## Chapter J - OTHER ABDOMINAL ORGANS - PRINCIPALLY DIGESTIVE

## Chapter K - HEART

**K59.4 Renewal of cardioverter defibrillator NEC**

**K59.7 Renewal of cardioverter defibrillator using three electrode leads**

**K60 Cardiac pacemaker system introduced through vein**

*Excludes: Cardioverter defibrillator introduced through the vein (K59)  
Subcutaneous cardioverter defibrillator (K72)*

**Note: Principal category, extended at K73**

**K60.3 Renewal of intravenous cardiac pacemaker system NEC**

**K61 Other cardiac pacemaker system**

*Includes: Epicardial implantation of cardiac pacemaker system  
Excludes: Cardioverter defibrillator introduced through the vein (K59)  
Subcutaneous cardioverter defibrillator (K72)*

**Note: Principal category, extended at K74**

**K73 Other cardiac pacemaker system introduced through vein**

*Excludes: Cardioverter defibrillator introduced through the vein (K59)  
Subcutaneous cardioverter defibrillator (K72)*

**Note: Principal K60**

**K73.1 Renewal of intravenous single chamber cardiac pacemaker system**

**K73.2 Renewal of intravenous dual chamber cardiac pacemaker system**

**K73.3 Renewal of intravenous biventricular cardiac pacemaker**

**K73.8 Other specified**

**K73.9 Unspecified**

**K74 Cardiac pacemaker system**

*Includes: Epicardial implantation of cardiac pacemaker system  
Excludes: Cardioverter defibrillator introduced through the vein (K59)  
Subcutaneous cardioverter defibrillator (K72)*

**Note: Principal K61**

**K74.1 Renewal of single chamber cardiac pacemaker system NEC**

**K74.2 Renewal of dual chamber cardiac pacemaker system NEC**

**K74.3 Renewal of biventricular cardiac pacemaker NEC**

**K74.8 Other specified**

**K74.9 Unspecified**

**K75 Percutaneous transluminal balloon angioplasty and insertion of stent into coronary artery**

*Excludes:* Transluminal balloon angioplasty of coronary artery (K49)

**Note:** ~~Note: It is not necessary to code additionally any mention of percutaneous transluminal atherectomy of coronary artery (K50.4)~~ Use a supplementary code when associated with percutaneous atherectomy (K50.4)

## Chapter L - ARTERIES AND VEINS

**L75 Other arteriovenous operations**

*Excludes:* Operations on surgically created arteriovenous fistula (L74)  
Operations on dural arteriovenous fistula (O05)

**L86.3 Injection of glue into varicose vein of leg**

## Chapter M - URINARY

**M06.4 Attention to nephrostomy tube NEC Code retired - refer to introduction**

**M53 Vaginal operations to support outlet of female bladder**

**Note: Principal category, extended at M57**

**M53.7 Total Removal of transobturator tape**

**M57 Other vaginal operations to support outlet of female bladder**

**Note: Principal M53**

**M57.1 Introduction of vaginal tape NEC**

**M57.2 Total removal of vaginal tape NEC**

**M57.3 Partial removal of vaginal tape NEC**

**M57.4 Partial removal of transobturator tape**

**M57.8 Other specified**

**M57.9 Unspecified**

**M68.3 Endoscopic insertion of prosthesis to compress lobe of prostate**

## Chapter N - MALE GENITAL ORGANS

## Chapter P - LOWER FEMALE GENITAL TRACT

### **P06.5 Excision of lesion of labia**

### **P09.4 Biopsy of lesion of labia**

*Includes: Biopsy of labia*

### **P23 Other repair of prolapse of vagina**

**Note: Principal category, extended at P28**

***Use a supplementary code for concurrent excision of uterus (Q08)***

### **P24 Repair of vault of vagina**

*Excludes: Operations to support female bladder (M51-M55)*

**Note: Principal category, extended at P30**

### **P27.4 Endoscopic examination of vagina**

*Includes: Vaginoscopy NEC*

### **P28 Repair of prolapse of vagina**

**Note: Principal P23**

***Use a supplementary code for concurrent excision of uterus (Q08)***

### **P28.1 Total removal of prosthetic material from previous repair of vaginal prolapse**

### **P28.2 Partial removal of prosthetic material from previous repair of vaginal prolapse**

### **P28.8 Other specified**

### **P28.9 Unspecified**

### **P30 Other repair of vault of vagina**

*Excludes: Operations to support female bladder (M51-M55)*

**Note: Principal P24**

### **P30.1 Total removal of prosthetic material from previous repair of vaginal vault prolapse**

### **P30.2 Partial removal of prosthetic material from previous repair of vaginal vault prolapse**

### **P30.8 Other specified**

### **P30.9 Unspecified**

## Chapter Q - UPPER FEMALE GENITAL TRACT

### **Q54 Operations on other ligament of uterus**

**Note: Principal category, extended at Q57**

**Q54.7 Total removal of prosthetic material from previous suspension of uterus**

**Q57 Other operations on other ligament of uterus**

**Note: Principal Q54**

**Q57.1 Partial removal of prosthetic material from previous suspension of uterus**

**Q57.8 Other specified**

**Q57.9 Unspecified**

## **Chapter R - FEMALE GENITAL TRACT ASSOCIATED WITH PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH AND PUERPERIUM**

### **Chapter S – SKIN**

**S07 Photodynamic therapy of skin**

*Includes: Photodynamic therapy to skin lesion NEC*

**S07.2 Photodynamic laser therapy to lesion of skin**

### **Chapter T - SOFT TISSUE**

**T05.2 Resuture of previous incision of chest wall**

*Includes: Resuture of rupture of incision of chest wall  
Suture of dehiscence of wound of chest wall  
Rewiring of sternum*

**T30 Opening of abdomen**

*Includes: Abdominal wall  
Peritoneum  
Peritoneal cavity  
Abdominal cavity*

**Note: Do not use as approach code (Y50)**

**T31 Other operations on anterior abdominal wall**

*Includes: Abdominal wall NEC  
Abdominal cavity NEC*

**T32 Reconstruction of anterior abdominal wall**

*Includes: Abdominal wall NEC  
Abdominal cavity NEC*

*Excludes: Closure of anterior abdominal wall (T28.2)*

**Note: Codes from Chapter S may be used to enhance these codes**

**T32.1 Reconstruction of anterior abdominal wall using insert of natural material**

**T32.2 Reconstruction of anterior abdominal wall using insert of prosthetic material**

**T32.3 Reconstruction of anterior abdominal wall using flap NEC**

**T32.4 Reconstruction of anterior abdominal wall using insert of prosthetic material and flap NEC**

**T32.8 Other specified**

**T32.9 Unspecified**

## **Chapter U - DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING, TESTING AND REHABILITATION**

**U36.5 Cone beam computed tomography NEC**

## **Chapter V - BONES AND JOINTS OF SKULL AND SPINE**

**V33 Primary excision of lumbar intervertebral disc**

*Includes: Excision of lumbar intervertebral disc NEC*

**Note: Principal category, extended at V51**

*Use an additional code to specify levels of spine (V55)*

**V41.5 Posterior attachment of spinal growing system**

*Excludes: Posterior attachment of correctional instrument to spine (V41.1)*

**V41.6 Attention to spinal growing system**

**V41.7 Surgical distraction of spinal growing system**

**V51 Other primary excision of lumbar intervertebral disc**

*Includes: Excision of lumbar intervertebral disc NEC*

**Note: Principal V33**

*Use an additional code to specify levels of spine (V55)*

**V51.1 Primary direct lateral excision of lumbar intervertebral disc and interbody fusion of joint of lumbar spine**

**V51.8 Other specified**

**V51.9 Unspecified**

## **Chapter W - OTHER BONES AND JOINTS**

**W19.4 Primary open reduction of fracture of ~~small~~short bone and fixation using screw**

**W24.4 Closed reduction of fracture of ~~small~~short bone and fixation using screw**

**W24.7 Closed reduction of fracture of bone and fixation using plate**

**W84.5 Endoscopic drilling of epiphysis for repair of articular cartilage**

*Includes: Endoscopic mMicrofracture of bone for repair of articular cartilage*

**W92.6 Chemical synovectomy**

**W92.7 Radiation synovectomy**

**O17.4 Remanipulation of fracture of ~~small~~ short bone and fixation using screw**

**O17.6 Remanipulation of fracture of bone and fixation using plate**

## **Chapter X - MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS**

**X32 Exchange blood transfusion**

*Includes: Therapeutic apheresis*

**Note: Principal category, extended at X47**

**Use a subsidiary code for extracorporeal circulation NEC (Y73.2) if the exchange is automated**

**X47 Other exchange blood transfusion**

*Includes: Therapeutic apheresis*

**Note: Principal X32**

**Use a subsidiary code for extracorporeal circulation NEC (Y73.2) if the exchange is automated**

## **Chapter Y - SUBSIDIARY CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS OF OPERATION**

**Y17.2 Morcellation of lesion of organ NOC**

**Y20.7 Vacuum biopsy of lesion of organ NOC**

*Includes: Vacuum assisted biopsy of lesion of organ NOC*

**Y74.9 Unspecified**

*Includes: Minimally invasive approach to thoracic cavity NEC*

**Y75.9 Unspecified**

*Includes: Minimally invasive approach to abdominal cavity NEC*

**Y76.9 Unspecified**

*Includes: Minimally invasive approach to other body area NEC  
Minimally invasive approach to other body cavity NEC*

## **Chapter Z - SUBSIDIARY CLASSIFICATION OF SITES OF OPERATION**

**Z15.7 Areola**

*Includes: Skin of areola*

**Z24 Other respiratory tract**

**Note: Principal category, extended at Z88**

**Z24.8 Specified other respiratory tract NEC**

**Z24.9 Other rRespiratory tract NEC**

**Z44.7 Labia**

*Includes: Skin of labia*

**Z53.7 Abdominal cavity**

**Z88 Respiratory tract**

**Note: Principal Z24**

**Z88.1 Hyoid**

**Z88.8 Specified respiratory tract NEC**

**Z88.9 Respiratory tract NEC**