

# Podiatry Coding Best Practices Guide



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# Podiatry CPT Code Ranges in 2022

Below is a general list of the codes for podiatry practice services and procedures in 2022:

- G0127 - Trim nails
- 11055 - Trim skin lesion
- 11056 - Trim skin lesions (2 to 4)
- 11057 - Trim skin lesions (over 4)
- 11719 - Trim nails (any number)
- 11720 - Debride nail (1 to 5)
- 11721 - Debride nail (6 or more)
- 11730 - Partial or complete nail plate avulsion
- 11732 - Additional partial or complete nail plate avulsion

## Podiatry Modifiers

Below is a list of the common modifiers used in podiatry practice medical billing. These modifiers are used in medical billing to lower the risk of claim denial. It also allows for a higher level of coding specificity to help you get the right reimbursements.

- Q7 - Non-traumatic amputation of the foot
- Q8 - Absence of posterior tibial pulse, dorsalis pedis pulse, decreasing hair, thickening of nails, pigment chains, or thin skin
- Q9 - Edema, burning, paresthesia, temperature changes, or claudication
- TA - Left foot, great toe
- T1 - Left foot, second digit
- T2 - Left foot, third digit
- T3 - Left foot, fourth digit
- T4 - Left foot, fifth digit
- T5 - Right foot, great toe
- T6 - Right foot, second digit
- T7 - Right foot, third digit
- T8 - Right foot, fourth digit
- T9 - Right foot, fifth digit
- XE - Separate encounter
- XS - Separate structure
- XP - Separate practitioner
- XU - Unusual non-overlapping service
- 59 - Distinct procedural service or procedure



# 5 Common Mistakes Podiatry Make With Their Medical Billing

## Claims Aren't Filed On Time

If claims aren't filled on time then you can lose out on collections. This ends up hurting your practice's profitability. You should be sure to double-check that claims are submitted within the required timeframe.

### Solution

Set up a system to make sure claims are always filed on time. This could be achieved by hiring a person responsible for this task or by outsourcing to a medical billing company that can handle the process for you.

## The Coding Is Not Specific Enough

Coding to the highest level for each specific code is important to maximizing profits. If the coding is not specific enough then money could be left on the table.

### Solution

Hiring a biller who specializes in podiatry will ensure that you have coding done specific to your area of practice. You could alternatively hire and train your own medical billing staff.

## Insurance Is Not Being Verified Frequently Enough

If you don't verify insurance frequently enough then you risk your patient's insurance changing. This could result in you providing procedures that aren't covered by insurance.

### Solution

You should verify your patient's insurance every single time they come in for a visit.

## The Coding Isn't Accurate

Your practice can't afford to underbill for your services as a family practitioner. Not billing enough often comes from simply not being aware of the proper billing rules and the coding options available.

### Solution

Outsourcing will ensure your coding is accurate and handled by professionals who understand all the latest requirements in medical billing and coding.

## Underbilling

Underbilling is another mistake many podiatry practice owners make. Underbilling often comes from not being aware of the proper billing rules and coding options. It may also occur when the billing staff isn't properly trained on the latest medical billing regulations.

### Solution

Outsourcing your medical billing will ensure your billing to the full extent to maximize your profits.

Questions about improving your practice? We'd love to chat about solutions that can reduce your stress and increase your profitability. Visit us at [questns.com](http://questns.com) or email us at [info@questns.com](mailto:info@questns.com).



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