

What You Need to Know for Ophthalmic Coding Specialist and Ophthalmic Coding Specialist- Retina Exams

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Why OCS and OCSR Matters

- Confirm your coding knowledge is up-to-date
 - Enhance your understanding of ophthalmic coding
 - Broaden your knowledge in each ophthalmic specialty or master Retina
 - Test is designed by Academy physicians and staff.
- Be nationally recognized for your expertise and proficiency.
 - Add the applicable credential (OCS and/or OCSR) after name showing your achievement.
- Enhance the financial health of your practice
 - Turn clinical services into protected practice income
 - Stay in compliance with payers



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About Exams

- Not a proctored exam, but an open-book competency exam
- Coding is open-book
- 100 multiple choice questions
- Take advantage of the practice test questions at aao.org/ocs
- Updated annually in February



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About Exams



10 business days from when you begin the test

Pass/Fail grade immediately



Must pass with 80% proficiency



You will receive a performance breakdown indicating content areas with one or more incorrect answers.

The breakdown will not provide exact questions missed.



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Feedback on Taking the OCSR Exam

- Took anywhere from 3.5 to 8 hours to take the exam - generally done in smaller increments of time.
- Resources used:
 - *Retina Coding: Complete Reference Guide* (aao.org/store),
 - aao.org/icd10,
 - aao.org/coding,
 - CCI edits,
 - modifier knowledge.
- Don't guess! Look up even what you thought you knew – you may be surprised.



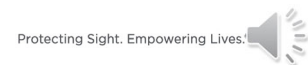
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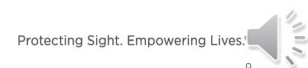
Credentials?

- Those who pass the exam will be able to download their certificate right away!
- No CEUs are required. This is a designation, not a certification.
- Retest every three years. The Academy will notify you via email when it is time to retest.



What If I Need Help?

- For questions related to the content before you take the exam, e-mail coding@aao.org
- Customer service is available for ordering or technical issues at 866.561.8558



What You Need to Know



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What You Need to Know

OCS Exam

- Bundling and medically unlikely edits
- Cataract/anterior segment
- Cornea
- Exams
- General Coding competencies
- Glaucoma
- ICD-10
- Modifiers
- Neuro-ophthalmology
- Oculofacial
- Optical dispensing
- Pediatric/strabismus
- Retina
- Tests
- Vision rehabilitation



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OCS- Retina Exam

- E/M and Eye visit code documentation
- Fundamentals of coding
- ICD-10 selection
- Injections and drugs
- Minor and major surgical procedures (Retina)
- Modifiers
- Testing services

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What You Need to Know

CPT

- Correct Coding Initiative (CCI)
- Mutually Exclusive Edits (MUE)
- Global periods

Documentation requirements:

- Medicare payer websites
- Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)

What You Need to Know

Modifiers

- What service they are applied to
- When they should be applied
- Definition

ICD-10-CM

- Laterality or laterality
- Using the correct number of characters

What You Need to Know

Example:

Modifier -Q6:

- Service furnished by a locum tenens physician under a reciprocal billing arrangement
- The locum tenens physician does not have a practice of their own.

Modifier -Q5:

- Service furnished by a substitute physician under a reciprocal billing arrangement
- The substitute physician usually has a practice of their own.

The regular physician is out of the office for a period no longer than 60 days.

Submit services under the regular physician's NPI.

Be sure documentation states that the temporary physician was treating the patient.



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What You Need to Know - Exams



Exams



Eye visit codes 92002-92014

Eye visit code checklist



2021 E/M Guidelines

Medically relevant history and exam
Medical Decision-Making tool
What CPT codes were impacted



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What You Need to Know – Risk

Medical Decision-Making tool

- 2 out of 3 components
- Number/Complexity of problems
- Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed/Analyzed
- Risks of Complications and/or Morbidity of Patient Management

Example for 99204/99214 Moderate Risk

Component	Plan	Level
# Dx's	2 or more stable chronic illnesses	Moderate
Data Reviewed	Assessment requiring independent historian	Limited
Risk of Complication	Prescription drug management	Moderate



What You Need to Know- Testing Services

Testing Services

- Written order documented for delegated services
- Standing orders : Service is not billable to payer
- Bundling edits
- Supervision rules
- Diagnosis to CPT linkage
- Unilateral vs. Bilateral

Tests can be performed in the global period

- MPPR (Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction)



What You Need to Know



Surgeries:

- CCI bundling edits
- Diagnosis to CPT linkage
- Global periods for major vs. minor procedures
- RVUs/allowable: billing in order of highest to lowest



Compliance:

- Billing relatives
- Signature requirements



Enter keyword / CPT code (at least 2 numbers or 3 letters) Manage Notes Print

Code Family: 67227 - 67229 Images

CPT Code	Description
67227	Destruction of extensive or progressive retinopathy (eg. diabetic retinopathy), cryotherapy, diathermy
67228	Treatment of extensive or progressive retinopathy (eg diabetic retinopathy), photocoagulation
67229	Treatment of extensive or progressive retinopathy, one or more

Code Details	CODE	RVU OF/FAC	MED	PP	ASST	UNI/BI
67227	8.21/7.29	10	90	NO		
67228	9.65/8.72	10	10	NO		
67229	33.06/33.06	90	90	NO		

Definition: Vessels that are leaking blood are destroyed by heat, freezing, or laser.

CCI Codes v.23.3

CCI 67227: G0463, 12011, 12013, 12014, 12015, 12016, 12017, 12018, 12051, 12052, 12053, 12054, 12055, 12056, 12057, 13150, 13151, 13152, 13153, 66700, 66720, 67005, 67010, 67015, 67031, 67036, 67039, 67040, 67141, 67145, 67208, 67210, 67228, 67500, 92012, 92014, 92018, 92019, 92225, 92226, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99217, 99218, 99219, 99220.

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Resources To Be Prepared



Resources

- Test Your Knowledge
 - Utilize the practice tests for OCS and OCSR.
- Make sure resources are readily available.
 - Both exams are open book
- Review missed questions to know where your vulnerabilities may be.

Just like real life coding, the both exams are open book. The following resources will help you prepare:

1. Take Interactive Practice Exams

[Take the Practice OCS Exam Quiz](#)

[Take the Practice OCSR Exam Quiz](#)



#1 Resources for OCS

- Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding
 - Overview of ophthalmic coding
 - Categories of payers
 - Modifiers
 - Compliance
 - Testing and surgery content
- Coding Assistant for Subspecialties
 - Each online module goes more in depth
- Coding Coach
 - Available in print and online
 - Online updated quarterly
 - Provides CPT codes that ophthalmologists submit
 - Includes applicable diagnoses, modifiers, global periods, CCI edits and coding clues
- Conquering New E/M Documentation



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#1 Resources for OCSR

- Retina Coding: Complete Reference Guide
 - Overview of ophthalmic coding
 - Categories of payers
 - Modifiers
 - Compliance
 - Injection documentation
 - Testing and surgery content
- Conquering New E/M Documentation



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Additional Academy Resources

- ICD-10-CM for Ophthalmology book
- Content at aao.org/coding
 - Savvy Coder articles in EyeNet magazine
 - Coding articles in YO Info
 - ICD-10 decision trees are available to download
 - Ask the Coding Experts
 - Injections
 - LCDs
- www.aao.org/retinapm



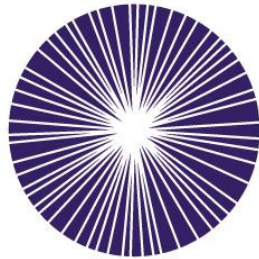
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Additional Resources

- CPT Professional book:
 - Contains all CPT and Category III codes for medicine. Not ophthalmology specific, but helpful.
 - E/M guidelines and Eye visit code guidelines
- HCPCS book:
 - Drug codes, contact lenses, glasses, and other DME



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