

## Z08X – Wound and Ulcer Debridement Codes

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### The Short Version

Debridement of wounds or ulcers into:

#### subcutaneous tissue

- One Z080.....\$20
- Two Z081.....\$30
- Three Z082.....\$45
- Four or more Z083.....\$60

#### tendon, ligament, bursa and/or bone.

- One Z084.....\$60
- Two or more Z085.....\$90

Z153 code  
no longer  
exists!

### Billing Group Interpretation

You must debride for a **minimum of 10 minutes** to bill any of these codes

- *(minimum of 10 mins total ie not a requisite to spend 10 mins on each)*

You **cannot** bill a suture/laceration/complex laceration repair code with this code.

You must document the **time requirement** on the chart.

You must **describe and document each** wound/ulcer for which you claim.

### Example:

Case: Monday 930am - 52 Male with infected buttock ulcers

ED course: You assess the patient at 1300 for infection / sepsis. You perform an appropriate Hx/PE and order lab work. You record this on the chart. There are two ulcers which you debride of necrotic tissue, dress and then refer patient for admission.

Document: ED Assessment  
Procedure note (description/dimension/ location of ulcers AND time for procedure)

Blue Sheet Coding: **H103 + Z081**