



Coronary Artery Stents



The HIPE Software now facilitates the coding of insertion of Coronary Artery Stent. **The Code is 36.06 and does not appear in your current ICD9-CM Coding Book.** Please see below for coding guidelines on the use this new code.

Intravascular stents are tubular metal implants which are designed to restore normal blood flow by reopening or enlarging a blood vessel. Stents have also proven to be a significant value in treating threatened or abrupt vessel closure, therefore reducing the need for emergency surgery.

Stent procedures may be performed in a catheterisation laboratory by physicians or surgeons trained in interventional techniques in the inpatient and/or outpatient setting. The stent is attached to a catheter and delivered to the site of the narrowed vessel via introduction through a peripheral vessel such as the femur or brachial artery.

New Coding Guideline for Insertion of Coronary Artery Stents.

Because an angioplasty, by any technique, is inherent in the placement of a stent(s), the appropriate coronary angioplasty code (36.01-36.05) should be assigned, followed by a code for placement of the coronary stent. The new stent code 36.06, therefore, would not assigned as a stand alone code.

