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# WHAT IS THE CPT® CODE SET?

The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code set is more than a medical terminology. It is a language that represents an episode of care that may require multiple discrete medical actions, enables health care quality research and operational data analytics, informs ways to reduce administrative burdens; and more than ever it is a method of accelerating medical innovation.

Trusted for more than 50 years, the CPT code set facilitates communication across the entire health care ecosystem by enabling seamless processing and advanced analytics for medical services. CPT codes curated by physicians enable providers to deliver the right care at the right time in the right setting as delivery advances emerge. Hundreds of codes are updated every year to keep pace with modern medicine and to reflect the latest medical services and technologies.





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CPT® content is evidence-based, validated and physician-led. Strengthening the patient-doctor relationship with solutions that drive:

- Interoperability
- Standardization
- Improved outcomes
- Digital health
- Transparency
- Efficiency
- Modernization
- Research

### **Quality of Care**

Driving standardization, interoperability and transparency to improve outcomes and quality.

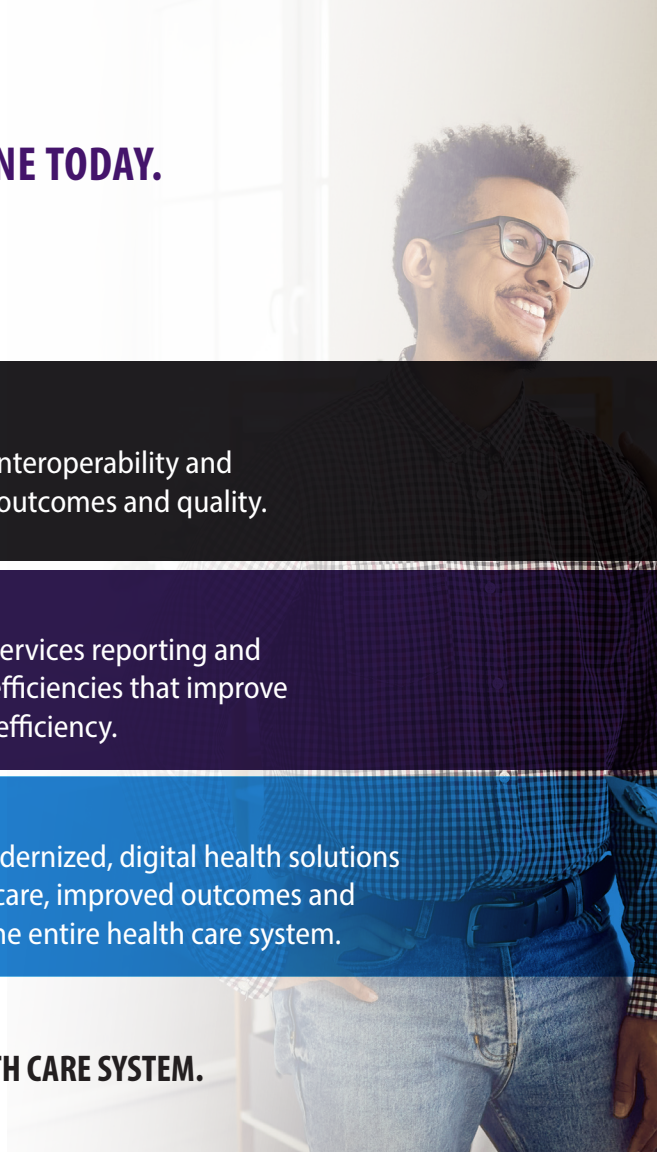
### **Cost of Care**

Standardizing physician services reporting and measurement to unlock efficiencies that improve outcomes and drive cost efficiency.

### **Access to Care**

Driving standardized, modernized, digital health solutions that enable coordinated care, improved outcomes and increased access across the entire health care system.

**CREATING VALUE FOR PATIENTS, PHYSICIANS AND THE ENTIRE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.**





## REMOVING OBSTACLES THAT INTERFERE WITH PATIENT CARE

### Proven History

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### Keeping Pace with Modern Medicine

Constantly updated by the CPT Editorial Panel with insights from clinical and industry experts, the CPT code set reflects the very latest innovations in health care.

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## SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

Most CPT codes are enhanced by a powerful feature known as relative value units, or RVUs. RVUs are an objective measurement of the resources needed to deliver a medical procedure.

### RVUs

#### Relative Value Units (RVUs):

- Support the measurement of organizational productivity and operational efficiency linked to patient outcomes.
- Inform planning and the allocation of care delivery resources to efficiently enable more access to care.

# CPT<sup>®</sup> CONTENT IS TRUSTED, TRANSPARENT AND FUTURE FOCUSED



## Trusted

- CPT codes are evidence-based and accurately encompass the full range of health care services to support clinically relevant outcomes and high-quality care for more than 50 years



## Transparent and independent

- Convened by the American Medical Association multiple times each year, CPT Editorial Panel meetings are public and open to anyone who wishes to participate
- The CPT Editorial Panel is an independent group of expert volunteers representing key stakeholders across the health care industry
- Free from outside influences, the CPT Editorial Panel guides the future development of the CPT code set



## Future focused

- Hundreds of codes are updated every year to reflect the latest medical services and technologies, and to help support clinically relevant outcomes
- New CPT codes support doctors on the forefront of digital medicine and match advances in remote monitoring, precision medicine, digital therapeutics, virtual care and artificial intelligence (AI).
- CPT defines clinical terminology for current physicians' services and improved patient outcomes, enabling interoperability and the delivery of clinical benefits across digital health solutions.



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