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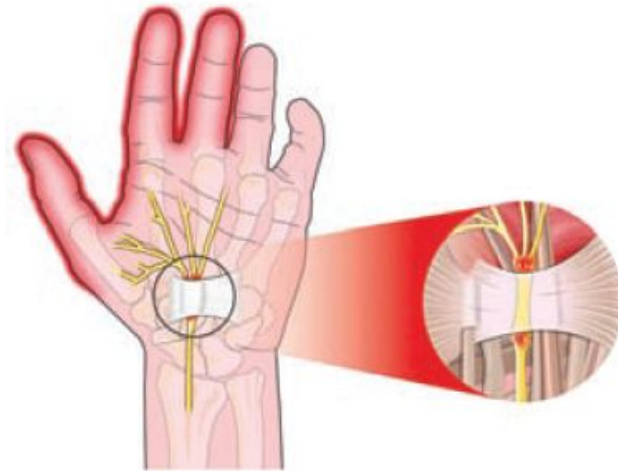
Root Operations Group - 3

Root Operations Involving Cutting or Separation Only

Division (8)



Release (N)



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Division vs. Release

Division

- Cut the body part

Release

- Free the body part

Division (8)

Division (8)	Definition	Cutting into a body part without draining fluids and/or gases from the body part in order to separate or transect a body part
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	Examples	Spinal cordotomy, osteotomy, neurotomy, episiotomy



Case To Code

Percutaneous osteotomy of the capitate and lunate bones, right hand

Case Answer

0P8M3ZZ Root Operation: Division
Division, Carpal, Right (0P8M)

0P8M3ZZ Root Operation: Division
Division, Carpal, Right (0P8M)

Case Table

Section	Medical and Surgical	0
Body System	Upper Bones	P
Root	Division	8
Body Part	Carpal, Right	M
Approach	Percutaneous	3
Device	No Device	Z
Qualifier	No Qualifier	Z

Case Table

Section	Medical and Surgical	0
Body System	Upper Bones	P
Root	Division	8
Body Part	Carpal, Right	M
Approach	Percutaneous	3
Device	No Device	Z
Qualifier	No Qualifier	Z

Rationale

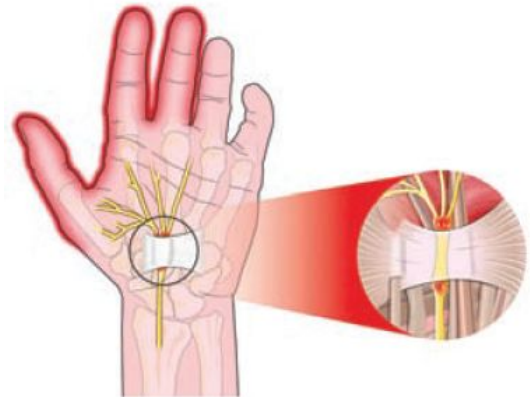
See Division, Head and Facial Bones (0N8), see Division, Lower Bones (0Q8), and see Division, Upper Bones (0P8) are all choices. It is necessary to know the location of the capitate to assign the body system. In this case, Upper Bones is selected as the body system. Next, to assign the body part, it is necessary to review Coding Guideline B4.1a. Because capitate is not a choice in the Table, the body part would be the value corresponding to the whole body part. In this case, the capitate is one of the carpal bones of the wrist in the hand. The Alphabetic Index is used to locate the correct body part value for the capitate bone. Index: Capitate bone, *use* Carpal, Right.

Rationale (cont):

Since the lunate is not a choice in the table, the body part would be the value corresponding to the whole body part. In this case, the lunate is also one of the carpal bones of the wrist in the hand. See the Alphabetic Index and reference the following entry.
Lunate bone, use Carpal, Right

The same code 0P8M0ZZ is assigned twice because of the Coding Guideline for Multiple Procedures, B3.2.b.

Release (N)

Release (N)	Definition	Freeing a body part from an abnormal physical constraint by cutting or by use of force
 Alexonline/Shutterstock.com	Explanation	Some of the restraining tissue may be taken out but none of the body part is taken out
	Examples	Adhesiolysis, carpal tunnel release, manipulation of joint adhesions



Release

Release procedures are coded to the **body part being freed**. The procedure can be performed on the area around a body part, on the attachments to a body part, or between subdivisions of a body part that are causing the abnormal constraint.



Case To Code

The patient has bilateral flexion contractures of the knees at 45 degrees. Posterior capsulotomy via incision was performed on both knees.

Case Answer

OSND0ZZ	Root Operation: Release Release, Joint, Knee, Left (OSND)
OSNC0ZZ	Root Operation: Release Release, Joint, Knee, Right (OSNC)

Case Table

Section	Medical and Surgical	0
Body System	Lower Joints	S
Root	Release	N
Body Part	Knee Joint, Left	D
Approach	Open	0
Device	No Device	Z
Qualifier	No Qualifier	Z

Case Table

Section	Medical and Surgical	0
Body System	Lower Joints	S
Root	Release	N
Body Part	Knee Joint, Right	C
Approach	Open	0
Device	No Device	Z
Qualifier	No Qualifier	Z

Rationale

ICD-10-PCS Coding Guideline B4.3 states that if no bilateral body part value exists, each procedure is coded separately using the appropriate body part value. The table 0SN does not contain a bilateral body part value for the knee joints; therefore, two codes are required, one for the left knee and one for the right knee.

Case To Code

The patient is several weeks status post right knee total knee arthroplasty, with tissue adhesions not allowing more than 70 degrees of flexion. During this encounter the patient undergoes manipulation under general anesthesia. During the surgery the right knee was gently manipulated to 110-120 degrees with a solid end point being reached.

Case Answer

OSNCXZZ

Root Operation: Release

Release, Joint, Knee, Right
(OSNC)

Manipulation, Adhesions, *see*
Release

Case Table

Section	Medical and Surgical	0
Body System	Lower Joints	S
Root	Release	N
Body Part	Knee Joint, Right	C
Approach	External	X
Device	No Device	Z
Qualifier	No Qualifier	Z



Rationale

The root operation is release. The right knee is manipulated under anesthesia to release the joint from an abnormal constraint. The approach is external.



Questions on Group 3?