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# USING ACHI

## CONVENTIONS USED IN THE ACHI ALPHABETIC INDEX

### 1. STRUCTURE

#### 1.1 Lead terms

The Alphabetic Index is organised by ‘lead terms’, in **bold** typeface.

**1.1.1** Lead terms start at the extreme left of a column, with dashes used to indicate levels of indentation for subterms (modifiers). Therefore, a complete index term may be composed of several lines, which may be widely separated (see Example 1).

#### Example 1:

Index:      **Hemicolectomy**  
               - left (with anastomosis) 32006-00 [913]  
               - - with formation of stoma 32006-01 [913]  
               - - - via laparoscopy 32006-03 [913]  
               - - via laparoscopy 32006-02 [913]

**Rationale:** *Hemicolectomy* is the lead term here. The complete index term for the last line is ‘laparoscopic left hemicolectomy (with anastomosis)’ (*Convention 1.1.1*).

**1.1.2** Lead terms mainly identify the type of intervention performed, rather than the anatomic site involved (see Example 2).

#### Example 2:

Patient was admitted for abdominal wall biopsy.

Index:      **Biopsy** (brush) (with brushing(s)) (with washing(s) for specimen collection)  
               - abdomen wall (open) 30075-17 [988]

**Rationale:** The lead term *Biopsy* identifies a type of intervention (*Convention 1.1.2*).

**1.1.3** An anatomical site is occasionally indexed as a lead term, when it is part of the name of an intervention (see Example 3).

#### Example 3:

Index:      **Cheek lift** (bilateral) 45588-00 [1675]

**Rationale:** ‘Cheek’ is an anatomical site that is indexed as a lead term, as it is part of the name of an intervention (*Convention 1.1.3*).

### 1.2 Subterms

Subterms (modifiers) (ie terms indented beneath lead terms) refer to:

- anatomical sites applicable to the intervention
- diagnostic terms
- device(s) or (surgical) techniques.

**1.2.1 Essential modifiers** are subterms that **affect** the code selection. These subterms form individual line entries. The selection of a subterm representing a clinical concept must be supported by clinical documentation (such as ‘laparoscopic’ evidenced by documentation of the use of ports in the operation report) (see Example 4).

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**Abbe procedure**

- flap
- - for reconstruction of
- - - eyelid — see *Reconstruction/eyelid/with/flare*
- - - lip — see *Reconstruction/lip/with flare*

**Abdominoplasty**

- abdominal apron — see *Lipectomy/abdominal*
- Pitanguy 30177-00 [1666]
- radical 30177-00 [1666]
- size reduction
- - Pitanguy 30177-00 [1666]
- - radical 30177-00 [1666]

**ABiC (ab-interno canaloplasty) (for glaucoma)**

90075-00 [191]

**Ab-interno canaloplasty (ABiC) (for glaucoma)**

90075-00 [191]

**Ablation — see also Destruction/by site**

- arrhythmia circuit or focus — see *Ablation/cardiac*
- cardiac
- - arrhythmia circuit or focus, involving
- - - open approach NEC 38287-03 [601]
- - - atrioventricular 38287-03 [601]
- - - both atrial chambers 38290-02 [601]
- - - left atrial chamber 38287-04 [601]
- - - right atrial chamber 38287-03 [601]
- - - ventricular chamber 38518-00 [609]
- - - percutaneous catheter approach NEC 38287-01 [601]
- - - atrioventricular 38287-01 [601]
- - - both atrial chambers 38290-01 [601]
- - - left atrial chamber 38287-02 [601]
- - - right atrial chamber 38287-01 [601]
- - - ventricular chamber 38293-00 [609]
- - muscle, ventricular 38518-00 [609]
- - - percutaneous catheter approach 38293-00 [609]
- - myocardial septal (percutaneous transluminal) 38748-01 [616]
- - chemical, nerve — see *Administration/specified site/nerve/by site*
- - cord, umbilical (percutaneous) 90463-00 [1330]
- - endoscopic 90463-01 [1330]
- - endometrial (by diathermy) (by laser) (by microwave) (by radiofrequency electrosurgery) (by rollerball) (by thermal uterine balloon ablation) (endoscopic) 35622-00 [1263]
- - open 90443-00 [1270]
- - endovenous radiofrequency (ERFA) (for varicose veins) 32520-00 [728]
- - heart — see *Ablation/cardiac*
- - lesion — see also *Destruction/by site*
- - pituitary
- - - by implantation (strontium-yttrium) (Y)
- - - - transcranial approach (transfrontal) 39715-02 [125]
- - - - transsphenoidal approach (transtethmoidal) (transnasal) 39715-03 [125]
- - myocardial septal (percutaneous transluminal) 38748-01 [616]

**Ablation — continued**

- nerve — see also *Neurotomy*
- - sympathetic
- - - chemical — see *Administration/specified site/nerve/sympathetic*
- - - renal (artery), percutaneous, by radiofrequency (endovascular) (transluminal) 39323-00 [72]
- - uterosacral, laparoscopic (LUNA) 35638-14 [1299]
- - placental vessels, endoscopic (fetoscopic) 90488-00 [1330]
- - prostate — see *Destruction/prostate*
- - rhinophyma — see *Excision/rhinophyma*
- - skin
- - nose — see *Excision/skin/nose*
- - stellate ganglion, by radiofrequency 39323-00 [72]
- - umbilical cord (percutaneous) 90463-00 [1330]
- - endoscopic 90463-01 [1330]
- - uterosacral nerve, laparoscopic (LUNA) 35638-14 [1299]
- - vein, endovenous (by laser) (by radiofrequency) (for varicose veins) 32520-00 [728]
- - ventricular, transcatheter 38293-00 [609]
- - vermillion — see *Vermilionectomy/by laser*
- - vessels, placental, endoscopic (fetoscopic) 90488-00 [1330]

**Abortion (administration of pharmacological agent) (medical)**

NEC 90462-01 [1330]

- by
- - dilation (and)
- - - curettage (D&C) 35640-00 [1265]
- - - suction 35640-03 [1265]
- - - evacuation (D&E) 35643-03 [1265]
- - fetotoxic injection NEC 90461-01 [1330]
- - suction curettage 35640-03 [1265]
- - surgical — see *Abortion/by/dilation*

**Abrasions**

- skin 45021-01 [1616]
- - face (1 site) (aesthetic area(s)) 45021-00 [1616]
- - - 2 or more sites 45024-00 [1616]
- - specified site NEC 45021-01 [1616]

**Abrasive therapy — see Abrasion/skin****Absorptiometry (dual energy x-ray)**

- for bone densitometry — see *Densitometry/bone*

**Access, accessing**

- device, vascular (infusion port) (Port-A-Cath) (subcutaneous reservoir)
- - insertion 34528-02 [766]
- - removal 34530-05 [766]
- - revision 34530-06 [766]
- - gastric band reservoir (port) to adjust gastric band 31587-00 [1895]

**Achillototomy 49718-01 [1542]****ACI (autologous chondrocyte implantation)**

96275-19 [1569]

- by cannula 14206-02 [1569]

**Acromionectomy**

- for decompression of subacromial space 48903-00 [1400]
- - with rotator cuff repair (open) 48909-00 [1404]
- - - arthroscopic (mini-open) 48960-00 [1405]
- - with rotator cuff repair (open) 48909-00 [1404]
- - arthroscopic (mini-open) 48960-00 [1405]

**Acromioplasty** (open) 48903-00 [1400]

- with rotator cuff repair 48909-00 [1404]

- - arthroscopic (mini-open) 48960-00 [1405]

- arthroscopic 48951-00 [1400]

**Acupuncture** 93173-00 [1908]**Adaptation, new tooth restoration to existing removable prosthesis** 97571-01 [469]**Adaptometry, dark** 11211-00 [1831]**Addition (of)**

- clasp (to)

- - denture, retainer 97762-00 [476]

- - removable appliance (orthodontic) 97877-01 [483]

- dental

- - metal denture frame 97769-00 [476]

- - splint, occlusal 97972-00 [489]

- fluid to adjust gastric band 31587-00 [1895]

- spring, to removable appliance (orthodontic) 97877-01 [483]

- tooth (to)

- - partial denture 97733-00 [474]

- - - to replace lost natural tooth or its coronal section 97768-00 [476]

- - - - with abutment tooth clasp 97768-00 [476]

- - removable appliance (orthodontic) 97877-01 [483]

**Adduction arytenopexy** 96266-00 [528]**Adenoideectomy** 41801-00 [412]

- with tonsillectomy 41789-01 [412]

**Adhesiolysis — see also Division/adhesions**

- epidural (peridural) 39140-00 [32]

**Adhesion procedure**

- cleft lip (unilateral) 45689-00 [1689]

- - bilateral 45689-01 [1689]

**Adjustment**- AICD (automatic implantable cardioverter defibrillator) (see also *Test, testing/defibrillator*) 90203-06 [656]

- anal sphincter, artificial 32221-00 [940]

- appliance oral (bi-maxillary) (single arch) 97985-01 [490]

- artificial sphincter

- - bowel 32221-00 [940]

- - urinary 37390-00 [1124]

- assistive or adaptive device, aid or equipment NEC 96092-00 [1870]

- auditory brain stem implant (partial) 41557-05 [334]

- balloon (bubble) gastric, for obesity (endoscopic) 90950-04 [889]

- bone

- - anchored hearing aid (BAHA) (partial) 45794-09 [334]

- - conduction hearing device (partial) 41557-05 [334]

- bowel sphincter, artificial 32221-00 [940]

- cannula

- - for

- - - cardiopulmonary bypass 38627-01 [642]

- - - extracorporeal membrane oxygenation 38627-03 [572]

- - - ventricular assist device 38627-00 [608]

- cochlear prosthetic device (multiple channel) (partial) (single channel) 41617-03 [334]

- continuous ambulatory drug delivery device (CADD) (connection) (disconnection) 13942-02 [1922]

- defibrillator, generator (automatic) (cardioverter) (see also *Test, testing/defibrillator*) 90203-06 [656]

- denture (pre-existing) 97741-00 [475]

- - new denture — omit code

**Adjustment — continued**

- device

- - - cochlear prosthetic (multiple channel) (partial) (single channel) 41617-03 [334]

- - - continuous ambulatory drug delivery device (CADD) (connection) (disconnection) 13942-02 [1922]

- - - drainage, trans-trabecular (Hydrus) (iStent) (microstents) (Xen gel stent) 42504-01 [191]

- - - gastric, for obesity (balloon) (bubble) (endoscopic) (transpyloric shuttle) 90950-04 [889]

- - - hearing, implanted (partial) NEC 41557-05 [334]

- - - leadless pacemaker (intracardiac) 96259-03 [655]

- - - neurostimulator — see *Adjustment/neurostimulator*

- - - ring fixator (or similar device) 50309-00 [1554]

- - - - with

- - - - - insertion of pin (fixation) 50309-00 [1554]

- - - - - removal of pin (fixation) 50309-00 [1554]

- - - stomach, for obesity (balloon) (bubble) (endoscopic) (transpyloric shuttle) 90950-04 [889]

- - - trans-trabecular drainage (Hydrus) (iStent) (microstents) (Xen gel stent) 42504-01 [191]

- - electrode(s) (for)

- - anal stimulator, electrical 32210-01 [940]

- - automatic defibrillator — see *Adjustment/electrode(s)/cardiac/defibrillator*

- - cardiac

- - - defibrillator

- - - - epicardial 38456-28 [654]

- - - - transvenous 90203-08 [654]

- - - - ventricle, left, via sternotomy or thoracotomy 90203-09 [654]

- - - pacemaker

- - - - epicardial 38456-21 [654]

- - - - transvenous 90203-00 [654]

- - - - ventricle, left, via sternotomy or thoracotomy 90203-02 [654]

- - - epidural 39131-00 [43]

- - - by laminectomy 39139-00 [43]

- - - gracilis neosphincter pacemaker 32210-01 [940]

- - - intracranial (via burr holes) 40709-02 [6]

- - - via craniotomy 40712-02 [6]

- - - peripheral nerve NEC 39131-01 [67]

- - - sacral nerve 36665-00 [67]

- - - spinal — see *Adjustment/electrode(s)/epidural*

- - - vagus nerve 40705-00 [67]

- - electromagnetic hearing device, implanted (partial) 41557-05 [334]

- - expander, tissue (skin) (soft tissue) (subcutaneous tissue) (valve) 45566-03 [1661]

- - breast 45548-02 [1758]

- - gastric

- - - balloon (bubble), for obesity (endoscopic) 90950-04 [889]

- - - band (deflation) (inflation) (see also *Revision/gastric/band*) 31587-00 [1895]

- - generator

- - - defibrillator, cardiac (automatic) (see also *Test, testing/defibrillator*) 90203-06 [656]- - - pacemaker, cardiac (see also *Test, testing/pacemaker*) 90203-05 [655]

- - - pulse (subcutaneous)

- - - - anal, gracilis neosphincter 32210-01 [940]

- - - - gracilis neosphincter pacemaker 32210-01 [940]

- - - - hearing device, implanted (partial) NEC 41557-05 [334]

- - - - ICD (implantable cardioverter defibrillator) (see also *Test, testing/defibrillator*) 90203-06 [656]- - lead(s) — see *Adjustment/electrode(s)*

**Adjustment — continued**

- micro-bypass surgery stent, trans-trabecular 42504-01 [191]
- middle ear hearing device, implanted (partial) 41557-05 [334]
- neosphincter, gracilis pacemaker 32210-01 [940]
- neurostimulator (epidural) (intracranial) (peripheral) (pulse generator) 39131-02 [1830]
- occlusal, occlusion
- - appliance, pre-existing 97966-00 [489]
- - following occlusal analysis 97968-00 [489]
- - minor 97961-00 [489]
- - with any other dental procedure — *omit code*
- - splint 97972-00 [489]
- oral appliance (bi-maxillary) (single arch) 97985-01 [490]
- orthodontic appliance 97871-00 [483]
- pacemaker, cardiac (subcutaneous) (see also *Test, testing/pacemaker*) 90203-05 [655]
- - leadless (intracardiac) 96259-03 [655]
- prosthesis, maxillofacial (dental) 97790-00 [477]
- pulse generator (subcutaneous)
- - anal, gracilis neosphincter 32210-01 [940]
- - leadless pacemaker (intracardiac) 96259-03 [655]
- rectal sphincter, artificial 32221-00 [940]
- reservoir, gastric band (port) 31590-00 [889]
- seton (for)
- - anal fistula 32166-01 [929]
- sphincter, artificial
- - bowel 32221-00 [940]
- - urinary 37390-00 [1124]
- spinal fixation (instrumentation) 51140-01 [1393]
- - for revision of spinal fusion 51140-00 [1389]
- splint, occlusal 97972-00 [489]
- - pre-existing 97966-00 [489]
- stimulator — see *Adjustment/neurostimulator*
- sutures (adjustable)
- - following previous correction procedure for
- - - blepharoptosis 45625-00 [1687]
- - - strabismus (1 eye) 42845-00 [218]
- - - both eyes 42845-01 [218]
- tissue expander (skin) (soft tissue) (subcutaneous tissue) (valve) 45566-03 [1661]
- - breast 45548-02 [1758]
- trans-trabecular drainage device (Hydrus) (iStent) (microstents) (Xen gel stent) 42504-01 [191]
- urinary sphincter, artificial 37390-00 [1124]

**Administration** (around) (into) (local) (of) (therapeutic agent)  
NEC — *code to block* [1920] with extension -19

**Note:** Terms listed under the lead term 'Administration' are split by three main subterms; Administration/indication, Administration/specified site and Administration/type of agent.

- for neoplasm (antineoplastic) (chemotherapeutic) (prophylaxis) — *code to block* [1920] with extension -00
- - related condition — see *Administration/type of agent*
- - treatment related condition — see *Administration/type of agent*
- indication — see also *Administration/specified site OR Administration/type of agent*
- - anal fissure 44104-00 [929]
- - aneurysm, false (thrombin) 45027-02 [742]
- - angioma 45027-02 [742]
- - arrest of haemorrhage via surgical peripheral catheterisation — see *Embolisation/blood vessel, transcatheter*

**Administration** (around) (into) (local) (of) (therapeutic agent)

- *continued*
- indication — *continued*
- - cardioplegia (retrograde) 38588-00 [642]
- - cyst — see *Administration/indication/lesion*
- - dental treatment 97927-00 [485]
- - ectopic pregnancy, with fetotoxic agent
  - see *Administration/by type of agent/fetotoxic*
- - false aneurysm (thrombin) 45027-02 [742]
- - fetal reduction (gas) (potassium chloride) 90463-00 [1330]
- - fistula
- - - with fibrin sealant (biological) (glue) (plug) — see *Closure/fistula*
- - - enterocutaneous
- - - - large intestine 30382-03 [917]
- - - - small intestine 30382-01 [901]
- - - haemangioma 45027-02 [742]
- - - haemorrhoids, sclerosing agent 32132-00 [941]
- - induction of fetal demise — see *Administration/type of agent/fetotoxic*
- - keloid scar 30207-00 [1602]
- - lesion
- - - bone 47900-01 [1552]
- - - duodenal (bleeding) (endoscopic) 30478-07 [870]
- - - gastric (bleeding) (endoscopic) 30478-07 [870]
- - - oesophagus (endoscopic) (oesophagogastric junction) 30476-04 [851]
- - - pilonidal sinus, abscess or cyst 30679-00 [1659]
- - - renal 90354-00 [1064]
- - - skin 30207-00 [1602]
- - - vascular (anomaly) (malformation) 45027-02 [742]
- - - eye (posterior segment) (retina) 90080-03 [209]
- - - - intravitreal 42740-06 [205]
- - lymphangioma 45027-02 [742]
- - lysis of adhesions, by epidural injection (hyaluronic acid) (hypertonic saline) 39140-00 [32]
- - maintaining patency of central venous catheter 92058-01 [1922]
- - pilonidal sinus, abscess or cyst 30679-00 [1659]
- - rectal prolapse (perirectal) (submucosal) 44104-00 [929]
- - scar 30207-00 [1602]
- - strabismus 18366-01 [216]
- - stress incontinence, using paraurethral bulk (female) 37339-00 [1110]
- - male 37339-01 [1109]
- - telangiectasis
- - - eye — see *Administration/indication/lesion/vascular/eye*
- - - head 45027-02 [742]
- - - neck 45027-02 [742]
- - termination of pregnancy (abortion) NEC 90462-01 [1330]
- - thrombus in central venous catheter (see also *Administration/type of agent/thrombolytic*) 92058-01 [1922]
- - transplantation (cells) (organ) (tissue) — see *Transplant, transplantation*
- - varices (endoscopic)
  - - duodenum 30478-07 [870]
  - - - gastric 30478-07 [870]
  - - - oesophageal (oesophagogastric junction) 30476-04 [851]
  - - - varicose vein
    - - - with stripping (division) (ligation) — see *Stripping/vein varicose*
    - - - multiple 32500-01 [722]
  - - - vascular lesion (anomaly) (malformation) 45027-02 [742]
  - - - - eye — see *Administration/indication/lesion/vascular/eye*
  - - - venular flares (micro) 32500-00 [722]