

Scoring Dx/Mx options		Points	Comments
Self-limited, minor	1	Add 1 if > 1 such problems (max = 2).	
Established, prev Dx	1	Add 1 for each add. such problem. Add 1 for each one that is inadequately controlled, worsening, etc.	
New, no additional workup planned	3	Maximum score is 3 for such problems.	
New, additional workup planned	4		

Scoring amount and complexity of data reviewed		Points
Data sources/activities requested/reviewed	CPT 80002-89399	1
Radology tests/services requested/reviewed	CPT 70010-79999	1
Medical studies requested/reviewed	CPT 90700-99199	1
Independent second interpretation of specimen/image/tracing		2
Discussion of results with testing physician		1
Decision to obtain old records/additional history		1
Summary of review of old records/additional history		2

Dx/Mx options score	Data score	S	LC	MC	HC
1 (minimal)	1 (minimal/none)	1	2 (limited)	3 (moderate)	4 (extensive)
2 out of 3 required					

Risk level	Examples	Quantifying risk of complications, morbidity, mortality
Minimal	Problems: One self-limited/minor prob. Dx procedures: Rest, gargles, elastic bandages, superficial dressings	
Low	Problems: > 1 self-limited/minor prob., one stable chronic illness, acute uncomplicated illness/injury Dx procedures: Pulmonary function tests, barium enema, superficial needle biopsy, arterial puncture, skin biopsy Mx options: OTC drugs, minor surgery (no risk factors), PT, OT, IV fluids w/o additives	
Moderate	Problems: 1+ chronic illnesses w/ mild Rx side effects; 1 stable chronic illness; new prob., no Dx, (e.g. breast lump); acute illness w/ systemic Sx (e.g. pyelonephritis); Acute complicated injury (e.g. head injury w/ brief loss of consciousness) Dx procedures: Cardiac stress test, fetal contraction stress test, Dx endoscopy w/ no risk factors, deep needle or incisional biopsy, arthrogram, lumbar puncture, thoracentesis Mx options: Minor surgery w/ risk factors, Rx drugs, IV fluids w/ additives, closed Mx of fracture/dislocation w/o manipulation	
High	Problems: 1+ chronic illnesses w/ severe Rx side effects; potentially life-threatening probs. (e.g. acute MI, progressive severe RA, potential threat of suicide); abrupt neuro. change (e.g. seizure, TIA, weakness or sensory loss) Dx procedures: Dx endoscopy w/ risk factors Mx options: Parenteral controlled substances, Rx needing intensive monitoring for toxicity, DNR decision	

Note: For a more complete table of risks, see the guidelines themselves.

Code	History	Exam	Decis.	Time
99215	C	C	HC	40 min.
99214	D	D	MC	25 min.
99213	EPP	EPP	LC	15 min.
99212	PF	PF	S	10 min.
99211	—	—	—	5 min.

Code selection: Established patient

Code	History	Exam	Decis.	Time
99205	C	C	HC	60 min.
99204	C	C	MC	45 min.
99203	D	D	LC	30 min.
99202	EPP	EPP	S	20 min.
99201	PF	PF	S	10 min.

Code selection: New patient

Decision making

Key to abbreviations
 ASSMT: Assessment
 C: Comprehensive
 D: Detailed
 EPP: Expanded problem-focused
 EX: Examination
 HC: High complexity
 HPI: History of the present illness
 INSP: Inspection
 LC: Low complexity
 MC: Moderate complexity
 PALP: Palpation
 PF: Problem-focused
 PFSH: Past, family and social history
 ROS: Review of systems
 S: Straightforward

Exam

Systems/Areas	Bulleted elements
PF	+1
EPP	+1
D	+2
C	+6

Note: For the comprehensive exam, all bulleted elements must be performed.