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Update to 2018 ASA CROSSWALK® Entries for Procedure Codes 45330 and 45378

The 2018 CPT® code set includes five new codes specific to anesthesia care for GI endoscopy. These five new codes replace two codes that were deleted from CPT and cannot be used to report care provided on/after January 1, 2018.

New Codes	
00731	Anesthesia for upper gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures, endoscope introduced proximal to duodenum; not otherwise specified
00732	Anesthesia for upper gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures, endoscope introduced proximal to duodenum; endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP)
00811	Anesthesia for lower intestinal endoscopic procedures, endoscope introduced distal to duodenum; not otherwise specified
00812	Anesthesia for lower intestinal endoscopic procedures, endoscope introduced distal to duodenum; screening colonoscopy
00813	Anesthesia for combined upper and lower gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures, endoscope introduced both proximal to and distal to the duodenum
Deleted Codes	
00740	Anesthesia for upper gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures, endoscope introduced proximal to duodenum
00810	Anesthesia for lower intestinal endoscopic procedures, endoscope introduced distal to duodenum

In this Timely Topic, we provide additional information specific to the 2018 CROSSWALK entries for procedure codes 45330 - *Sigmoidoscopy, flexible; diagnostic, including collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing, when performed (separate procedure)* and 45378 - *Colonoscopy, flexible; diagnostic, including collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing, when performed (separate procedure)*.

The 2018 CROSSWALK entries for these procedures list code 00812 as the primary anesthesia code option and offer code 00813 as an alternative to be reported when the patient undergoes both an upper and lower GI endoscopy during the same anesthetic.

The ASA CROSSWALK Editorial Panel notes that in some instances, it may be appropriate to report anesthesia care for these procedures with code 00811, such as when a screening colonoscopy becomes a diagnostic colonoscopy. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted instructions that support this stance via [MM10181](#) and [R3844CR](#).

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