



2011 Debridement Coding

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INVOLVING SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE:

***11042** Debridement, **subcutaneous tissue** (includes epidermis and dermis, if performed); **first 20 sq cm or less**

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11045 Debridement, subcutaneous tissue (includes epidermis and dermis, if performed); **each additional 20 sq cm**, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

***11043** Debridement, **muscle and/or fascia** (includes epidermis, dermis, and subcutaneous tissue, if performed); **first 20 sq cm or less**

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11046 Debridement, muscle and/or fascia (includes epidermis, dermis, and subcutaneous tissue, if performed); **each additional 20 sq cm**, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

***11044** Debridement, **bone** (includes epidermis, dermis, subcutaneous tissue, muscle and/or fascia, if performed); **first 20 sq cm or less**

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11047 Debridement, bone (includes epidermis, dermis, subcutaneous tissue, muscle and/or fascia, if performed); **each additional 20 sq cm**, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

*Indicates primary code

For further clarification we recommend the APMA coding Resource center: apmacodingrc.org