

Destruction of Benign or Premalignant Lesions

Destruction means the ablation of benign, premalignant or malignant tissues by any method, with or without curettement, including local anesthesia, and not usually requiring closure. Methods of destruction include electrosurgery, cryosurgery, laser and chemical treatments.

Lesions include condylomata, papillomata, molluscum contagiosum, herpetic lesions, warts, (e.g., common plantar, flat) milia or other benign, premalignant (actinic keratoses) or malignant lesions. Please utilize the CPT code that best describes the type of lesion being removed (i.e. benign, premalignant, malignant, skin tags, etc.). The number of lesions treated and lesion size should be documented in the patient's medical record and should correspond to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code billed.