Carotid Angioplasty Without Stenting

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Question:

I know that carotid stenting with embolic protection is coded as 37215. But how would you code for a carotid angioplasty without stenting?

Answer:

A percutaneous carotid angioplasty is reported as 35475, transluminal angioplasty, percutaneous; brachiocephalic trunk or branches, each vessel. The associated radiological supervision and interpretation code, 75964 should also be reported in addition to the appropriate catheterization code(s).