



2003 CPT and ICD-9 Books Now Available

The American Medical Association's Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology codes is the official industry CPT[®] code book. The CPT[®] Code Changes for 2003 include:

204 New Codes
23 Deleted Codes
203 Revised Codes

The ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes are revised annually by the National Center for Health Statistics. The ICD-9-CM procedure codes are revised annually by CMS. The 2003 edition includes over 1,000 changes impacting all specialties, including:

147 New Diagnosis Codes
25 New Procedure Codes
16 New E Codes
23 Revised Diagnosis Codes
2 Revised Procedure Codes
19 Invalid Diagnosis Codes

The online versions of both the 2003 CPT and 2003 ICD-9 books are now available for the Avanta System. Both online books will be available on your next update. If you require them sooner, please call Avanta and a staff member can transmit them electronically to your system.

Practice Maintenance

Practice maintenance checks all patient and practice files to ensure that the information is clean and without errors. Avanta suggests running practice maintenance on a weekly basis to ensure the integrity of your data. To run practice maintenance:

1. Press **[C] Special Functions** from the home screen.
2. Press **[2] Authorized Functions**.
3. Press **[4] Practice Maintenance**.

WARNING: All other terminals in this practice should be back to the home screen before any system maintenance functions are run.

4. Select the maintenance functions to be run: The Practice Maintenance screen details the 8 practice maintenance modules, how long each module took to run the last time maintenance was run, and the date maintenance was last run. Press **[Enter]** to run practice maintenance.

TIP: To find out how long it will take to run a full practice maintenance, calculate the difference between the first module's start time and the last module's finish time.

5. Press **[Y]es** to verify that you wish to proceed to run practice maintenance, or press **[N]o** to exit back to the Home Screen.
6. If practice maintenance finds any errors in your system, it will post a **WARNING:** message when you log into that practice. Call Avanta so the errors can be checked and cleared.