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| Code | CPT Name | CPT Description | | | |
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| | REMOVE FOREIGN | | | | |
| 10120 | | INCISION AND REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODY, SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUES; SIMPLE | | | |
| 11040 | DEB SUBQ TISSUE 20 SQ | | | | |
| 11042 | | DEBRIDEMENT, SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE (INCLUDES EPIDERMIS AND DERMIS, IF PERFORMED); FIRST 20 SQ CM OR LESS | | | |
| 12042 | INTMD RPR N- | DEDUCE NOTIFIC WORDER OF MEDICAL HANDS FEET AND/OD EVTERNIAL CENITALLA, 2 COM TO 7.5 CM | | | |
| 12042 | HF/GENIT2.6-7.5 INTMD RPR FACE/MM | REPAIR, INTERMEDIATE, WOUNDS OF NECK, HANDS, FEET AND/OR EXTERNAL GENITALIA; 2.6 CM TO 7.5 CM | | | |
| 12051 | | REPAIR, INTERMEDIATE, WOUNDS OF FACE, EARS, EYELIDS, NOSE, LIPS AND/OR MUCOUS MEMBRANES; 2.5 CM OR LESS | | | |
| 12001 | TIS TRNFR | ADJACENT TISSUE TRANSFER OR REARRANGEMENT, FOREHEAD, CHEEKS, CHIN, MOUTH, NECK, AXILLAE, GENITALIA, HANDS AND/OR FEE | | | |
| 14040 | | DEFECT 10 SQ CM OR LESS | | | |
| <u> </u> | REMOVAL OF SUPPORT | | | | |
| 20680 | | REMOVAL OF IMPLANT; DEEP (EG, BURIED WIRE, PIN, SCREW, METAL BAND, NAIL, ROD OR PLATE) | | | |
| | · [· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | PROPHYLACTIC TREATMENT (NAILING, PINNING, PLATING OR WIRING) WITH OR WITHOUT METHYLMETHACRYLATE, FEMORAL NECK ANI | | | |
| 27187 | | PROXIMAL FEMUR | | | |
| | APPLICATION OF PASTE | | | | |
| 29580 | | STRAPPING; UNNA BOOT | | | |
| | SHO ART | ARTHROSCOPY, SHOULDER, SURGICAL; DEBRIDEMENT, LIMITED, 1 OR 2 DISCRETE STRUCTURES (EG, HUMERAL BONE, HUMERAL | | | |
| | ' | ARTICULAR CARTILAGE, GLENOID BONE, | | | |
| | | GLENOID ARTICULAR CARTILAGE, BICEPS TENDON, BICEPS ANCHOR COMPLEX, LABRUM, ARTICULAR CAPSULE, | | | |
| 29822 | HRS SRG LMTD DBRDMT | ARTICULAR SIDE OF THE ROTATOR CUFF, BURSAL SIDE OF THE ROTATOR CUFF. SUBACROMIAL BURSA, FOREIGN RODVIJESI) | | | |
| 29022 | SHO ARTHRS SRG DSTL | THE ROTATOR CUFF, SUBACROMIAL BURSA, FOREIGN BODY[IES]) | | | |
| 29824 | | ARTHROSCOPY, SHOULDER, SURGICAL; DISTAL CLAVICULECTOMY INCLUDING DISTAL ARTICULAR SURFACE (MUMFORD PROCEDURE) | | | |
| | | ARTHROSCOPY, SHOULDER, SURGICAL, DISTAL CLAVICOLECTOM TINCLODING DISTAL ARTICULAR SURFACE (MUMFORD FROCEDURE) | | | |
| | SHO ARTHRS SRG | WITH CORACOACROMIAL LIGAMENT (IE, ARCH) | | | |
| 29826 | | RELEASE, WHEN PERFORMED (LIST SEPARATELY IN ADDITION TO CODE FOR PRIMARY PROCEDURE) | | | |
| | RESECT INFERIOR | | | | |
| 30140 | | SUBMUCOUS RESECTION INFERIOR TURBINATE, PARTIAL OR COMPLETE, ANY METHOD | | | |
| | REPAIR OF NASAL | | | | |
| 30520 | | SEPTOPLASTY OR SUBMUCOUS RESECTION, WITH OR WITHOUT CARTILAGE SCORING, CONTOURING OR REPLACEMENT WITH GRAFT | | | |
| 20001 | CONTROL OF | | | | |
| 30901 | NOSEBLEED | CONTROL NASAL HEMORRHAGE, ANTERIOR, SIMPLE (LIMITED CAUTERY AND/OR PACKING) ANY METHOD | | | |
| 31231 | NASAL ENDOSCOPY DX | NASAL ENDOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC, UNILATERAL OR BILATERAL (SEPARATE PROCEDURE) | | | |
| | NSL/SINS NDSC DX MAX | | | | |
| 31233 | | NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC; WITH MAXILLARY SINUSOSCOPY (VIA INFERIOR MEATUS OR CANINE FOSSA PUNCTURE) | | | |
| 212/7 | ENDOSCOPY | | | | |
| 31267 | MAXILLARY SINUS LARYNGOSCOPY | NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, SURGICAL, WITH MAXILLARY ANTROSTOMY; WITH REMOVAL OF TISSUE FROM MAXILLARY SINUS | | | |
| 31535 | | LARYNGOSCOPY, DIRECT, OPERATIVE, WITH BIOPSY; | | | |
| 51555 | DIAGNOSTIC | LAK INCOSCOFT, DIRECT, OFERATIVE, WITH BIOFST, | | | |
| 31575 | | LARYNGOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE; DIAGNOSTIC | | | |
| 01070 | | BRONCHOSCOPY, RIGID OR FLEXIBLE, INCLUDING FLUOROSCOPIC GUIDANCE, WHEN PERFORMED; DIAGNOSTIC, WITH CELL WASHING, | | | |
| | DX | WHEN PERFORMED (SEPARATE | | | |
| 31622 | | PROCEDURE) | | | |
| | DX | BRONCHOSCOPY, RIGID OR FLEXIBLE, INCLUDING FLUOROSCOPIC GUIDANCE, WHEN PERFORMED; WITH BRUSHING OR PROTECTED | | | |
| 31623 | | BRUSHINGS | | | |
| | BRONCHOSCOPY/LUNG | BRONCHOSCOPY, RIGID OR FLEXIBLE, INCLUDING FLUOROSCOPIC GUIDANCE, WHEN PERFORMED; WITH TRANSBRONCHIAL LUNG BIOPSY | | | |
| 31628 | BX EACH | SINGLE LOBE | | | |

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| | | BRONCHOSCOPY, RIGID OR FLEXIBLE, INCLUDING FLUOROSCOPIC GUIDANCE, WHEN PERFORMED; WITH ENDOBRONCHIAL ULTRASOUND (EBUS) GUIDED T |
| | | RANSTRACHEAL AND/OR TRANSBRONCHIAL SAMPLING (EG, ASPIRATION[S]/BIOPSY[IES]), ONE OR TWO MEDIASTINAL AND/OR |
| 1 | BRONCH EBUS | HILAR LYMPH NODE STATIONS OR |
| 31652 | SAMPLNG 1/2 NODE | STRUCTURES |
| | ASPIRATE PLEURA W/O | |
| 32554 | | THORACENTESIS, NEEDLE OR CATHETER, ASPIRATION OF THE PLEURAL SPACE; WITHOUT IMAGING GUIDANCE |
| 22212 | INSERT PULSE GEN | DISEDVICE DAGENARED DUI SE SENEDATOD ONI V. WITH EVISTRIC DUAL LEADS |
| 33213 | DUAL LEADS INSERT 1 ELECTRODE | INSERTION OF PACEMAKER PULSE GENERATOR ONLY; WITH EXISTING DUAL LEADS |
| 33216 | | INSERTION OF A SINGLE TRANSVENOUS ELECTRODE, PERMANENT PACEMAKER OR IMPLANTABLE DEFIBRILLATOR |
| | RECHANNELING OF | |
| 35301 | ARTERY | THROMBOENDARTERECTOMY, INCLUDING PATCH GRAFT, IF PERFORMED; CAROTID, VERTEBRAL, SUBCLAVIAN, BY NECK INCISION |
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| | | INTRODUCTION OF NEEDLE AND/OR CATHETER, ARTERIOVENOUS SHUNT CREATED FOR DIALYSIS (GRAFT/FISTULA); |
| | | INITIAL ACCESS WITH COMPLETE RADIOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF DIALYSIS ACCESS, INCLUDING FLUOROSCOPY, |
| | ACCESS AV DIAL GRFT | IMAGE DOCUMENTATION AND REPORT (INCLUDES ACCESS OF SHUNT, INJECTION[S] OF CONTRAST, AND ALL NECESSARY IMAGING FROM THE ARTERIAL ANASTOMOSIS AND ADJACENT |
| 36147 | | AND ALL NECESSARY IMAGING FROM THE ARTERIAL ANASTOMOSIS AND ADJACENT ARTERY THROUGH ENTIRE VENOUS OUTFLOW INCLUDING THE INFERIOR OR SUPERIOR VENA CAVA) |
| | FOREVAL | , · |
| | | SELECTIVE CATHETER PLACEMENT, COMMON CAROTID OR INNOMINATE ARTERY, UNILATERAL, |
| | | ANY APPROACH, WITH ANGIOGRAPHY OF THE IPSILATERAL INTRACRANIAL CAROTID CIRCULATION AND ALL |
| 36223 | PLACE CATH CAROTID/INOM ART | ASSOCIATED RADIOLOGICAL SUPERVISION AND INTERPRETATION, INCLUDES ANGIOGRAPHY OF THE |
| 30223 | | EXTRACRANIAL CAROTID AND CERVICOCEREBRAL ARCH, WHEN PERFORMED SELECTIVE CATHETER PLACEMENT, INTERNAL CAROTID ARTERY, UNILATERAL, WITH ANGIOGRAPHY OF THE |
| | | IPSILATERAL INTRACRANIAL CAROTID CIRCULATION AND |
| | | ALL ASSOCIATED RADIOLOGICAL SUPERVISION AND INTERPRETATION, INCLUDES ANGIOGRAPHY OF THE |
| | PLACE CATH CAROTD | EXTRACRANIAL CAROTID AND CERVICOCEREBRAL ARCH, |
| 36224 | | WHEN PERFORMED |
| | | SELECTIVE CATHETER PLACEMENT, SUBCLAVIAN OR INNOMINATE ARTERY, UNILATERAL, |
| | | WITH ANGIOGRAPHY OF THE IPSILATERAL VERTEBRAL CIRCULATION AND ALL |
| · | PLACE CATH | ASSOCIATED RADIOLOGICAL SUPERVISION AND INTERPRETATION, INCLUDES ANGIOGRAPHY OF T |
| 36225 | SUBCLAVIAN ART | HE CERVICOCEREBRAL ARCH, WHEN PERFORMED |
| | | SELECTIVE CATHETER PLACEMENT, VERTEBRAL ARTERY, UNILATERAL, WITH ANGIOGRAPHY OF THE |
| 36226 | PLACE CATH | IPSILATERAL VERTEBRAL CIRCULATION AND ALL ASSOCIATED PADIOLOGICAL SUPERVISION AND INTERPRETATION, INCLUDES ANGLOGRAPHY OF THE CERVICOCEPERRAL ARCH, WHEN PERFORMED |
| 30220 | VERTEBRAL ART | RADIOLOGICAL SUPERVISION AND INTERPRETATION, INCLUDES ANGIOGRAPHY OF THE CERVICOCEREBRAL ARCH, WHEN PERFORMED SELECTIVE CATHETER PLACEMENT, EXTERNAL CAROTID ARTERY, UNILATERAL, WITH ANGIOGRAPHY OF THE IPSILATERAL |
| | PLACE CATH XTRNL | EXTERNAL CAROTID CIRCULATION AND ALL |
| 36227 | | ASSOCIATED RADIOLOGICAL SUPERVISION AND INTERPRETATION (LIST SEPARATELY IN ADDITION TO CODE FOR PRIMARY PROCEDURE) |
| | INS CATH ABD/L-EXT | SELECTIVE CATHETER PLACEMENT, ARTERIAL SYSTEM; EACH FIRST ORDER ABDOMINAL, PELVIC, OR LOWER EXTREMITY ARTERY |
| 36245 | ART 1ST | BRANCH, WITHIN A VASCULAR FAMILY |
| , | INSERT NON-TUNNEL | |
| 36556 | | INSERTION OF NON-TUNNELED CENTRALLY INSERTED CENTRAL VENOUS CATHETER; AGE 5 YEARS OR OLDER |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | INSERT TUNNELED CV | INSERTION OF TUNNELED CENTRALLY INSERTED CENTRAL VENOUS CATHETER, WITHOUT SUBCUTANEOUS PORT OR PUMP; |
| 36558 | | AGE 5 YEARS OR OLDER |
| 26561 | INSERT TUNNELED CV | DISERVICE OF TERRITER OF VENTER ALLY DISERTED CENTRAL VENCUS ACCESS DEVICE WITH SUDCHTANEOUS DODT. ACE 5 VEADS OF OF DED |
| 36561 | CATH | INSERTION OF TUNNELED CENTRALLY INSERTED CENTRAL VENOUS ACCESS DEVICE, WITH SUBCUTANEOUS PORT; AGE 5 YEARS OR OLDER |
| 36571 | | INSERTION OF PERIPHERALLY INSERTED CENTRAL VENOUS ACCESS DEVICE, WITH SUBCUTANEOUS PORT; AGE 5 YEARS OR OLDER |
| | REMOVAL TUNNELED | |
| 36589 | CV CATH | REMOVAL OF TUNNELED CENTRAL VENOUS CATHETER, WITHOUT SUBCUTANEOUS PORT OR PUMP |
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| | | INTRODUCTION OF NEEDLE(S) AND/OR CATHETER(S), DIALYSIS CIRCUIT, WITH DIAGNOSTIC ANGIOGRAPHY OF THE DIALYSIS CIRCUIT, INCLUDING ALL |
| | | DIRECT PUNCTURE(S) AND CATHETER PLACEMENT(S), INJECTION(S) OF CONTRAST, ALL NECESSARY IMAGING FROM THE ARTERIAL ANASTOMOSIS AND |
| 36901 | INTRO CATH DIALYSIS CIRCUIT | ADJACENT ARTERY THROUGH ENTIRE VENOUS OUTFLOW INCLUDING THE INFERIOR OR SUPERIOR VENA CAVA, FLUOROSCOPIC GUIDANCE, RADIOLOGICAL SUPERVISION AND INTERPRETATION AND IMAGE DOCUMENTATION AND REPORT; |
| 37224 | FEM/POPL REVAS W/TLA | REVASCULARIZATION, ENDOVASCULAR, OPEN OR PERCUTANEOUS, FEMORAL, POPLITEAL ARTERY(S), UNILATERAL; WITH TRANSLUMINAL ANGIOPLASTY |
| 57224 | LIGATION OF A-V | |
| 37607 | FISTULA NEEDLE BIOPSY LYMPH | LIGATION OR BANDING OF ANGIOACCESS ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA |
| 38505 | NODES | BIOPSY OR EXCISION OF LYMPH NODE(S); BY NEEDLE, SUPERFICIAL (EG, CERVICAL, INGUINAL, AXILLARY) |
| 4052F | HEMODIALYSIS VIA AV FISTULA | HEMODIALYSIS VIA FUNCTIONING ARTERIOVENOUS (AV) FISTULA (ESRD) |
| | HEMODIALYSIS VIA AV | |
| 4053F | GRAFT HEMODIALYSIS VIA | HEMODIALYSIS VIA FUNCTIONING ARTERIOVENOUS (AV) GRAFT (ESRD) |
| 4054F | CATHETER | HEMODIALYSIS VIA CATHETER (ESRD) |
| 43200 | ESOPHAGOSCOPY FLEXIBLE BRUSH | ESOPHAGOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE, TRANSORAL; DIAGNOSTIC, INCLUDING COLLECTION OF SPECIMEN(S) BY BRUSHING OR WASHING, WHEN PERFORMED (SEPARATE PROCEDURE) |
| 12220 | ESOPHAGOSCOPY | ESOPHAGOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE, TRANSORAL; WITH ABLATION OF TUMOR(S), POLYP(S), OR OTHER LESION(S) (INCLUDES PRE- AND |
| 43229 | LESION ABLATE | POST-DILATION AND GUIDE WIRE PASSAGE, WHEN PERFORMED) |
| 43235 | EGD DIAGNOSTIC BRUSH WASH | ESOPHAGOGASTRODUODENOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE, TRANSORAL; DIAGNOSTIC, INCLUDING COLLECTION OF SPECIMEN(S) BY BRUSHING OR WASHING, WHEN PERFORMED (SEPARATE PROCEDURE) |
| | EGD BIOPSY | |
| 43239 | SINGLE/MULTIPLE | ESOPHAGOGASTRODUODENOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE, TRANSORAL; WITH BIOPSY, SINGLE OR MULTIPLE |
| 43248 | EGD GUIDE WIRE INSERTION | ESOPHAGOGASTRODUODENOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE, TRANSORAL; WITH INSERTION OF GUIDE WIRE FOLLOWED BY PA SSAGE OF DILATOR(S) THROUGH ESOPHAGUS OVER GUIDE WIRE |
| 43255 | EGD CONTROL BLEEDING ANY | ESOPHAGOGASTRODUODENOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE, TRANSORAL; WITH CONTROL OF BLEEDING, ANY METHOD |
| | ERCP LITHOTRIPSY | ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY (ERCP); WITH DESTRUCTION OF CALCULI, |
| 43265 | CALCULI ERCP EA | ANY METHOD (EG, MECHANICAL, ELECTROHYDRAULIC, LITHOTRIPSY) ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY (ERCP); WITH TRANS-ENDOSCOPIC BALLOON |
| 43277 | DUCT/AMPULLA DILATE | DILATION OF BILIARY/PANCREATIC DUCT(S) OR OF AMPULLA (SPHINCTEROPLASTY), INCLUDING SPHINCTEROTOMY, WHEN PERFORMED, EACH DUCT |
| 43281 | LAP PARAESOPHAG HERN REPAIR | LAPAROSCOPY, SURGICAL, REPAIR OF PARAESOPHAGEAL HERNIA, INCLUDES FUNDOPLASTY, WHEN PERFORMED; WITHOUT IMPLANTATION OF MESH |
| 44140 | PARTIAL REMOVAL OF COLON | COLECTOMY, PARTIAL; WITH ANASTOMOSIS |
| 44950 | APPENDECTOMY | APPENDECTOMY; |
| 44955 | APPENDECTOMY ADD- ON | APPENDECTOMY; WHEN DONE FOR INDICATED PURPOSE AT TIME OF OTHER MAJOR PROCEDURE (NOT AS SEPARATE PROCEDURE) (LIST SEPARATELY IN ADDITION TO CODE FOR PRIMARY PROCEDURE) |
| 49082 | ABD PARACENTESIS | ABDOMINAL PARACENTESIS (DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC); WITHOUT IMAGING GUIDANCE |
| 49652 | LAP VENT/ABD HERNIA REPAIR | LAPAROSCOPY, SURGICAL, REPAIR, VENTRAL, UMBILICAL, SPIGELIAN OR EPIGASTRIC HERNIA (INCLUDES MESH INSERTION, WHEN PERFORMED); REDUCIBLE |
| 50200 | RENAL BIOPSY PERQ | RENAL BIOPSY; PERCUTANEOUS, BY TROCAR OR NEEDLE |
| 51700 | IRRIGATION OF BLADDER | BLADDER IRRIGATION, SIMPLE, LAVAGE AND/OR INSTILLATION |
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| 51705 | CHANGE OF BLADDER TUBE | CHANCE OF OVETOSTOMV THE. CIMER |
| 51/05 | TREATMENT OF | CHANGE OF CYSTOSTOMY TUBE; SIMPLE |
| 51720 | | BLADDER INSTILLATION OF ANTICARCINOGENIC AGENT (INCLUDING RETENTION TIME) |
| 52000 | CYSTOSCOPY | CYSTOURETHROSCOPY (SEPARATE PROCEDURE) |
| | CYSTOSCOPY AND | CYSTOURETHROSCOPY, WITH FULGURATION (INCLUDING CRYOSURGERY OR LASER SURGERY) |
| 52234 | TREATMENT | AND/OR RESECTION OF; SMALL BLADDER TUMOR(S) (0.5 UP TO 2.0 CM) |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | CYSTOSCOPY AND | |
| 52332 | TREATMENT | CYSTOURETHROSCOPY, WITH INSERTION OF INDWELLING URETERAL STENT (EG, GIBBONS OR DOUBLE-J TYPE) |
| | CYSTO/URETERO | CYSTOURETHROSCOPY, WITH URETEROSCOPY AND/OR PYELOSCOPY; WITH LITHOTRIPSY INCLUDING |
| 52356 | | INSERTION OF INDWELLING URETERAL STENT (EG, GIBBONS OR DOUBLE-J TYPE) |
| + | | TRANSURETHRAL ELECTROSURGICAL RESECTION OF PROSTATE, INCLUDING CONTROL OF POSTOPERATIVE |
| | PROSTATECTOMY | BLEEDING, COMPLETE (VASECTOMY, MEATOTOMY, CYSTOURETHROSCOPY, URETHRAL CALIBRATION AND/OR |
| 52601 | (TURP) | DILATION, AND INTERNAL URETHROTOMY ARE INCLUDED) |
| 54235 | PENILE INJECTION | INJECTION OF CORPORA CAVERNOSA WITH PHARMACOLOGIC AGENT(S) (EG, PAPAVERINE, PHENTOLAMINE) |
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| | 1 | INJECTION(S), OF DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCE(S) (INCLUDING ANESTHETIC, ANTISPASMODIC, OPIOID, |
| | 1 | STEROID, OTHER SOLUTION), NOT INCLUDING NEUROLYTIC SUBSTANCES, INCLUDING NEEDLE OR CATHETER PLACEMENT, |
| 62311 | INJECT SPINE L/S (CD) | INCLUDES CONTRAST FOR LOCALIZATION WHEN PERFORMED, EPIDURAL OR SUBARACHNOID; LUMBAR OR SACRAL (CAUDAL) |
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| | 1 | INJECTION(S), OF DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCE(S) (EG, ANESTHETIC, ANTISPASMODIC, OPIOID, STEROID, |
| , j | NJX INTERLAMINAR | OTHER SOLUTION), NOT INCLUDING NEUROLYTIC SUBSTANCES, INCLUDING NEEDLE OR CATHETER PLACEMENT, |
| 62323 | | INTERLAMINAR EPIDURAL OR SUBARACHNOID, LUMBAR OR SACRAL (CAUDAL); WITH IMAGING GUIDANCE (IE, FLUOROSCOPY OR CT) |
| 66170 | AQUEOUS SHUNT EYE | A ANTION AND AND A DAMA AN POLICIPONICI DI CONDUCID. DVITEDNICI ADDOCACII. MUTICUT ODAET |
| 66179 | W/O GRAFT REMOVAL OF LENS | AQUEOUS SHUNT TO EXTRAOCULAR EQUATORIAL PLATE RESERVOIR, EXTERNAL APPROACH; WITHOUT GRAFT |
| 66840 | | REMOVAL OF LENS MATERIAL; ASPIRATION TECHNIQUE, 1 OR MORE STAGES |
| * | REMOVAL OF LENS | REMOVAL OF LENS MATERIAL; PHACOFRAGMENTATION TECHNIQUE, I OK MORE STAGES |
| 66850 | MATERIAL | WITH ASPIRATION |
| | REMOVAL OF LENS | |
| 66852 | | REMOVAL OF LENS MATERIAL; PARS PLANA APPROACH, WITH OR WITHOUT VITRECTOMY |
| 66986 | EXCHANGE LENS PROSTHESIS | EXCHANGE OF INTRAOCULAR LENS |
| 00700 | EYE SURGERY | EXCHANGE OF INTRAOCULAR LENS |
| 66999 | PROCEDURE | UNLISTED PROCEDURE, ANTERIOR SEGMENT OF EYE |
| 67028 | INJECTION EYE DRUG | INTRAVITREAL INJECTION OF A PHARMACOLOGIC AGENT (SEPARATE PROCEDURE) |
| 0,020 | | VITRECTOMY, MECHANICAL, PARS PLANA APPROACH; WITH REMOVAL OF INTERNAL LIMITING MEMBRANE OF RETINA (EG, |
| | VIT FOR MACULAR | FOR REPAIR OF MACULAR HOLE, |
| 67042 | | DIABETIC MACULAR EDEMA), INCLUDES, IF PERFORMED, INTRAOCULAR TAMPONADE (IE, AIR, GAS OR SILICONE OIL) |
| · [· | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | REPAIR OF RETINAL DETACHMENT; WITH VITRECTOMY, ANY METHOD, INCLUDING, WHEN PERFORMED, AIR OR GAS TAMPONADE, |
| 67108 | REPAIR DETACHED | FOCAL ENDOLASER PHOTOCOAGULATION, CRYOTHERAPY, DRAINAGE OF SUBRETINAL FLUID, SCLERAL BUCKLING, AND/OR |
| 67108 | RETINA | REMOVAL OF LENS BY SAME TECHNIQUE REPAIR OF COMPLEX RETINAL DETACHMENT (EG, PROLIFERATIVE VITREORETINOPATHY, STAGE C-1 OR GREATER, DIABETIC |
| | 1 | TRACTION RETINAL DETACHMENT (EG, PROLIFERATIVE VITREORETINOPATHY, STAGE C-1 OR GREATER, DIABETIC |
| | 1 | RETINOPATHY OF PREMATURITY, RETINAL TEAR OF GREATER THAN 90 DEGREES), WITH VITRECTOMY AND MEMBRANE PEELING, |
| ' | 1 | INCLUDING, WHEN PERFORMED, |
| | | AIR, GAS, OR SILICONE OIL TAMPONADE, CRYOTHERAPY, ENDOLASER PHOTOCOAGULATION, DRAINAGE OF SUBRETINAL FLUID, |
| 67113 | REPAIR RETINAL DETACH CPLX | SCLERAL BUCKLING, AND/OR REMOVAL OF LENS |
| 0/115 | DETACITUREA | AND/OR REMOVAL OF LENS |
| | 1 | PROPHYLAXIS OF RETINAL DETACHMENT (EG, RETINAL BREAK, LATTICE DEGENERATION) WITHOUT DRAINAGE, 1 OR MORE SESSIONS; |
| 67145 | TREATMENT OF RETINA | |
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| 67210 | RETINAL LESION | DESTRUCTION OF LOCALIZED LESION OF RETINA (EG, MACULAR EDEMA, TUMORS), 1 OR MORE SESSIONS; PHOTOCOAGULATION |
| | TREATMENT X10SV | |
| 67228 | RETINOPATHY | TREATMENT OF EXTENSIVE OR PROGRESSIVE RETINOPATHY (EG, DIABETIC RETINOPATHY), PHOTOCOAGULATION |
| | TREAT EYELID BY | |
| 68200 | INJECTION | SUBCONJUNCTIVAL INJECTION |
| | CLOSE TEAR DUCT | |
| 68761 | OPENING | CLOSURE OF THE LACRIMAL PUNCTUM; BY PLUG, EACH |
| | REMOVE IMPACTED | |
| 69210 | EAR WAX UNI | REMOVAL IMPACTED CERUMEN REQUIRING INSTRUMENTATION, UNILATERAL |
| | CLEAN OUT MASTOID | |
| 69220 | CAVITY | DEBRIDEMENT, MASTOIDECTOMY CAVITY, SIMPLE (EG, ROUTINE CLEANING) |

eTable 2. Bivariate Analysis Describing the Association Between Patient, Surgery and Facility Characteristics, and Receipt of <u>Any Preoperative Test Before Cataract Surgery in Fiscal Year 2017. All variables were eligible to be included in model at p<0.25.</u>

| Any Preoperative Test before Cataract Surgery in FI | | |
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| Patient characteristics | Odds ratios | P-value |
| Facility surgical complexity | Ref. | |
| Ambulatory advanced | 0.52 | 0.25 |
| Ambulatory basic Inpatient standard | 0.52 | 0.35 |
| Inpatient standard | 0.11 | 0.11 |
| Inpatient intermediate | 0.45 | 0.11 |
| Unknown | 0.45 | 0.11 |
| Facilities annual Cataract surgery volume | 1.00 | 0.23 |
| Age (per 1 years) | 1.00 | 0.15 |
| Female (vs. male) | 1.08 | 0.11 |
| Race/Ethnicity | 1100 | |
| Non-Hispanic white | Ref. | |
| Asian | 0.93 | < 0.00 |
| Black or African American | 1.16 | < 0.00 |
| Hawaiian | 0.88 | < 0.00 |
| American Indian | 1.02 | < 0.00 |
| Marital Status | | |
| Married | Ref. | |
| Single | 0.99 | 0.90 |
| Divorced | 0.96 | < 0.01 |
| Widowed | 0.96 | 0.19 |
| Never Married | 1.00 | 0.19 |
| Body Mass Index | | |
| Normal (healthy weight) | Ref. | 0.00 |
| Low | 0.77 | 0.98 |
| Obese | 0.04 | 1.05 |
| Overweight Elixhauser Index (Individual Comorbidities) | 0.61 | 1.01 |
| Enxnauser Index (Individual Comorbidities) | | |
| LX_Congestive_Heart_Failure | 1.43 | < 0.00 |
| ELX Caridiac Arrhythmia | 1.38 | < 0.00 |
| ELX Pulmonary Circulation Disorders | | < 0.00 |
| ELX Peripheral Vascular Disorders | 1.53 | <0.00 |
| _ 1 | 1.21 | |
| ELX_Hypertension_Uncomplicated | 1.18 | < 0.00 |
| ELX_Hypertension_Complicated | 1.35 | < 0.00 |
| ELX_Paralysis | 1.38 | < 0.00 |
| ELX_GRP_Other_Neurological_Disorders | 1.21 | < 0.00 |
| ELX Chronic Pulmonary Disease | 1.21 | < 0.00 |
| ELX Diabetes Uncomplicated | 1.16 | < 0.00 |
| ELX_Diabetes_Complicated | 1.21 | < 0.00 |
| ELX Hypothyroidism | 1.10 | <0.00 |
| ELX Renal Failure | 1.41 | <0.00 |
| ELX Liver Disease | | <0.00 |
| ELX_Peptic_Ulcer_Disease_excluding_bleeding | 1.29 | <0.00 |
| ELX AIDS HIV | | <0.00 |
| ELX_AIDS_IIIV ELX Lymphoma | 1.23 | <0.00 |
| ELX Metastatic Cancer | 2.17 | <0.00 |
| ELX_Solid_Tumor_Without_Metastasis | 2.00 | <0.00 |
| ELX_Solid_Tunioi_without_Wetastasis | 1.23 | <0.00 |
| ELA_Kileumatolu_Arumus_conagen | 1.21 | ~0.00 |

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| ELX Coagulopathy | 1.53 | < 0.00 |
|---------------------------------|------|--------|
| ELX_Obesity | 1.12 | < 0.00 |
| ELX_Weight_Loss | 1.39 | < 0.00 |
| ELX_Fluid_Electrolyte_Disorders | 1.45 | < 0.00 |
| ELX_Blood_Loss_Anemia | 1.64 | < 0.00 |
| ELX_Alcohol_Abuse | 1.14 | < 0.00 |
| ELX_Drug_Abuse | 1.27 | < 0.00 |
| ELX_Psychoses | 1.11 | < 0.00 |
| ELX_Depression | 1.12 | < 0.00 |
| Surgery characteristics | | |
| General Anesthesia | Ref. | |
| Monitored Anesthesia Care (MAC) | 0.76 | < 0.00 |

eTable 3. Costs Per CPT Code for Laboratory Tests

CPT Code= Current Procedural Terminology. Total Costs are in dollars and include physician charges and all other charges (i.e., facility charges).

CPT Code Total Cost (\$)

| 71010 | 94.27 |
|-------|---------|
| | |
| 71015 | 101.61 |
| 71020 | 101.61 |
| 71021 | 111.13 |
| 71022 | 121.42 |
| | |
| 71023 | 146.79 |
| 71030 | 121.41 |
| 71034 | 225.64 |
| 71035 | 105.00 |
| 78451 | 1602.51 |
| 78452 | 1756.47 |
| | |
| 78453 | 1545.94 |
| 78454 | 1706.75 |
| 78466 | 588.34 |
| 78468 | 689.47 |
| 78469 | 1458.45 |
| 78472 | 637.61 |
| 78473 | 725.31 |
| | |
| 78481 | 676.61 |
| 78483 | 774.14 |
| 78494 | 642.62 |
| 78496 | 46.52 |
| 80047 | 11.60 |
| 80048 | 11.60 |
| | |
| 80053 | 14.49 |
| 81000 | 4.35 |
| 81001 | 4.35 |
| 81002 | 3.50 |
| 81003 | 3.08 |
| 81005 | 2.97 |
| | |
| 81007 | 3.52 |
| 81015 | 4.18 |
| 81020 | 5.06 |
| 82803 | 26.54 |
| 82805 | 38.92 |
| 82810 | 11.97 |
| 85025 | 10.66 |
| | |
| 85027 | 8.87 |
| 85345 | 5.91 |
| 85347 | 5.84 |
| 85348 | 5.11 |
| 93000 | 17.59 |
| 93005 | 8.86 |
| 93010 | 8.77 |
| | |
| 93015 | 79.19 |
| 93016 | 22.93 |
| 93017 | 40.90 |
| 93018 | 15.29 |
| 93040 | 13.23 |
| 93041 | 5.91 |
| | 7.28 |
| 93042 | |
| 93303 | 772.90 |
| 93304 | 660.02 |
| 93306 | 764.09 |
| 93307 | 642.33 |
| | |

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| 93308 | 387.67 |
|-------|--------|
| 93320 | 56.08 |
| 93321 | 28.32 |
| 93325 | 26.39 |
| 93350 | 784.43 |
| 93351 | 831.04 |
| 93352 | 35.31 |
| 94010 | 37.17 |
| 94060 | 63.27 |
| 94070 | 62.31 |
| 94200 | 26.88 |
| 94250 | 27.61 |
| 94375 | 41.13 |
| 94620 | 58.22 |
| 94621 | 168.79 |
| 94726 | 54.83 |
| 94727 | 43.75 |
| 94729 | 56.70 |
| 94760 | 3.32 |
| 94761 | 4.81 |
| 95070 | 32.14 |
| 95071 | 38.05 |
| | |

eTable 4. Sensitivity Analysis: Mixed-Effects Logistic Regression Model for First Eye Surgery Describing the Association Between Patient, Surgery and Facility Characteristics, and Receipt of Any Preoperative Test Before Cataract Surgery in Fiscal Year 2017. Model was a surgery level analysis (n=31,444).

| Patient characteristics | Odds ratios | Lower Bound (95% CI) | Upper Bound (95%CI) | P-value |
|--|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Facility surgical complexity | | | | |
| Ambulatory advanced | 1.00 | | | |
| Ambulatory basic | 0.30 | 0.07 | 1.35 | 0.12 |
| Inpatient complex | 0.29 | 0.08 | 0.96 | 0.04 |
| Inpatient intermediate | 0.32 | 0.09 | 1.17 | 1.17 |
| Inpatient standard | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.28 | 0.00 |
| Unknown | 0.28 | 0.05 | 1.46 | 0.13 |
| Facilities annual Cataract surgery volume | 0.99 | 0.99 | 1.00 | 0.23 |
| Age (per 10 years) | 1.00 | 0.99 | 1.00 | 0.76 |
| Female (vs. male) | 1.03 | 0.91 | 1.16 | 0.63 |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | |
| Non-Hispanic white | 1.00 | | | |
| Asian | 0.92 | 0.69 | 1.22 | 0.58 |
| Black or African American | 1.09 | 1.02 | 1.17 | 0.01 |
| Hawaiian | 0.79 | 0.62 | 1.01 | 0.06 |
| American Indian | 1.15 | 0.90 | 1.46 | 0.25 |
| Marital Status | | | | |
| Married | 1.00 | | | |
| Single | 1.10 | 0.96 | 1.25 | 0.14 |
| Divorced | 0.99 | 0.87 | 1.14 | 0.96 |
| Widowed | 0.99 | 0.85 | 1.16 | 0.97 |
| Never | 1.06 | 0.92 | 1.24 | 0.38 |
| Body Mass Index | | | | |
| Normal (healthy weight) (reference) | 1.00 | | | |
| Low | 0.86 | 0.70 | 1.06 | 0.17 |
| Obese | 0.97 | 0.91 | 1.04 | 0.47 |
| Overweight | 1.01 | 0.94 | 1.07 | 0.72 |
| Elixhauser Index (Number of comorbidities | 1.08 | 1.06 | 1.08 | 0.00 |
| Surgery characteristics | | | | |
| General Anesthesia | 1.00 | | | |
| Monitored Anesthesia Care (MAC) | 0.63 | 0.53 | 0.76 | 0.00 |

eTable 5. Mixed-Effects Logistic Regression Model Describing the Association Between Patient, Surgery and Facility Characteristics, and Receipt of Preoperative Test Bundle Before Cataract Surgery in Fiscal Year 2017. The Intraclass correlation coefficients (ICCs) were .98 (p < 0) at the VHA facility level, .27 (p < 0) at the surgeon, and .05 (p=0.05) at the patient level.

| Patient characteristics | Odds ratios | Lower Bound (95% CI) | Upper Bound (95%CI) | P-value |
|---|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Facility surgical complexity | | | | |
| Ambulatory advanced | 1.000 | | | |
| Ambulatory basic | 6.21 | 6.21 | >20.00 | 0.86 |
| Inpatient complex | 5.35 | 0.00 | >20.00 | 0.85 |
| Inpatient intermediate | 3.20 | 0.00 | >20.00 | 0.90 |
| Inpatient standard | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Unknown | 0.27 | 0.00 | >20.00 | 0.90 |
| Facilities annual Cataract surgery volume | 0.99 | 0.98 | 1.01 | 0.93 |
| Age (per 10 years) | 1.01 | 1.00 | 1.01 | 0.01 |
| Female (vs. male) | 0.99 | 0.84 | 1.17 | 0.98 |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | |
| Non-Hispanic white | 1.000 | | | |
| Asian | 0.88 | 0.56 | 1.38 | 0.58 |
| Black or African American | 1.06 | 0.97 | 1.16 | 0.15 |
| Hawaiian | 0.72 | 0.49 | 1.06 | 0.10 |
| American Indian | 0.82 | 0.59 | 1.15 | 0.26 |
| Marital Status | | | | |
| Married | 1.000 | | | |
| Single | 0.87 | 0.73 | 1.03 | 0.11 |
| Divorced | 0.30 | 0.77 | 1.08 | 0.83 |
| Widowed | 0.81 | 0.66 | 0.98 | 0.03 |
| Never | 0.92 | 0.76 | 1.12 | 0.43 |
| Body Mass Index | | | | |
| Normal (healthy weight) | 1.00 | | | |
| Low | 0.85 | 0.66 | 1.11 | 0.24 |
| Obese | 0.97 | 0.89 | 1.05 | 0.48 |
| Overweight | 0.96 | 0.88 | 1.04 | 0.40 |
| Elixhauser Index Number of | 1.03 | 1.02 | 1.05 | 0.00 |
| Comorbidities | | | | |
| Surgery characteristics | | | | |
| General Anesthesia | 1.00 | | | |
| Monitored Anesthesia Care | 0.64 | 0.53 | 0.79 | 0.00 |

eTable 6. Mixed-Effects Poisson Regression Model Describing the Association Between Patient, Surgery and Facility Characteristics, and Number of Preoperative Tests Before Cataract Surgery in Fiscal Year 2017. The intraclass correlation coefficients (ICC) were .70 (p < 0) at the VHA facility level, .42 (p < 0) at the surgeon, and .32 (p=0) at the patient level.

| Patient characteristics | Point Estimate | Lower Bound (95% CI) | Upper Bound (95%CI) | P-value |
|---|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Facility surgical complexity | | | | |
| Ambulatory advanced | 1.00 | | | |
| Ambulatory basic | 0.74 | 0.40 | 1.34 | 0.43 |
| Inpatient complex | 0.68 | 0.37 | 1.27 | 0.24 |
| Inpatient intermediate | 0.68 | 0.35 | 1.32 | 0.26 |
| Inpatient standard | 0.27 | 0.12 | 0.60 | 0.00 |
| Unknown | 0.61 | 0.26 | 1.43 | 0.26 |
| Facilities annual Cataract surgery volume | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.12 |
| Age (per 10 years) | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.52 |
| Female (vs. male) | 1.04 | 0.98 | 1.10 | 0.20 |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | |
| Non-Hispanic white | 1.000 | | | |
| Asian | 0.95 | 0.82 | 1.10 | 0.48 |
| Black or African American | 1.03 | 1.00 | 1.07 | 0.03 |
| Hawaiian | 0.90 | 0.80 | 1.01 | 0.09 |
| American Indian | 1.02 | 0.91 | 1.14 | 0.74 |
| Marital Status | | | | |
| Married | 1.00 | | | |
| Single | 0.99 | 0.93 | 1.05 | 0.72 |
| Divorced | 0.97 | 0.93 | 1.05 | 0.40 |
| Widowed | 0.96 | 0.90 | 1.03 | 0.24 |
| Body Mass Index | | | | |
| , Normal (healthy weight) | 1.00 | | | |
| Low | 0.92 | 0.84 | 1.01 | 0.09 |
| Obese | 0.98 | 0.96 | 1.01 | 0.25 |
| Overweight | 1.00 | 0.97 | 1.03 | 0.88 |
| Elixhauser Index Number of | 1.05 | 1.05 | 1.05 | 0.00 |
| Comorbidities | | | | |
| Surgery characteristics | | | | |
| General Anesthesia | 1.00 | | | |
| Monitored Anesthesia Care (MAC) | 0.82 | 0.66 | 0.99 | 0.00 |