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CODERS' SPECIALTY GUIDE

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General Surgical Procedures

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Clinical Responsibility

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Coding Tips

For FNA of an initial lesion using imaging guidance, see 10005 (ultrasound), 10007 (fluoroscopy), 10009 (CT), and 10011 (MRI) and +10006, +10008, +10010 and +10012 for each additional lesion respectively.

Fee Schedule Information

Medicare Fees (National): Conversion Factor \$32.3465, Facility Fee: \$42.05, Non Facility Fee: \$51.75

RVU (Facility): Work RVU 0.80, Practice Exp. RVU 0.37, Malpractice RVU 0.13, Total RVU 1.30

RVU (Non-Facility): Work RVU 0.80, Practice Exp. RVU 0.67, Malpractice RVU 0.13, Total RVU 1.60

MPFS Payment Policy Indicators: Global Period ZZZ, Preop 0.00%, Intraop 0.00%, Postop 0.00%, MPFS Status Indicator: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None

Practitioner MUE: 3

Modifier Allowances

52, 53, 58, 59, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 99, AQ, AR, AS, GA, GC, GZ, LT, PD, Q6, QJ, RT, SC, XE, XP, XS, XU

NCCI Alerts (version 31.0)

0213T¹, 0216T¹, 10012¹, 10035¹, 19281¹, 19283¹, 19285¹, 19287¹, 36000¹, 36410¹, 36591⁰, 36592⁰, 61650¹, 62324¹, 62325¹, 62326¹, 62327¹, 64415¹, 64416¹, 64417¹, 64450¹, 64454¹, 64486¹, 64487¹, 64488¹, 64489¹, 64490¹, 64493¹, 76000¹, 76380¹, 76942¹, 76998¹, 77001¹, 77002¹, 77012¹, 77021¹, 96360¹, 96365¹, 96372¹, 96374¹, 96375¹, 96376¹, 96377¹, 96523⁰

ICD-10-CM Cross References

C00.3, C01, C02.9, C04.1, C06.9, C07, C08.0, C12, C13.9, C15.9, C22.0-C22.4, C22.7, C22.8, C32.1, C32.8, C34.30-C34.32, C43.20-C43.22, C43.30-C43.39, C43.51-C43.59, C43.60-C43.62, C46.0, C50.011-C50.019, C50.111-C50.119, C50.211-C50.219, C50.411-C50.419, C50.811-C50.819, C50.911-C50.919, C51.9, C76.0, C76.1, C77.0, C77.3, C79.2, C79.81, C79.89, C79.9, C82.50, C82.51, C82.55, C82.59, C83.31-C83.35, C84.90, C84.91, C84.95, C84.99,

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10005

Fine needle aspiration biopsy, including ultrasound guidance; first lesion

Clinical Responsibility

With the patient properly prepared and anesthetized (typically with local anesthesia), the provider inserts a needle, such as an 18-to 25-gauge needle with an attached syringe, under ultrasound imaging guidance into a suspicious lesion or area of tissue and withdraws cells, tissue, or fluid for laboratory analysis. The provider may make several passes to obtain an adequate specimen. The provider then sends the aspirate to the pathology lab for analysis.

Coding Tips

Report +10006 for each additional lesion in addition to the primary code 10005.

For FNA of an initial lesion using other types of imaging guidance, see 10007 (fluoroscopy), 10009 (CT), and 10011 (MRI) and +10008, +10010 and +10012 for each additional lesion respectively.

If different imaging guidance modalities are used for separate lesions, add modifier 59, Distinct procedural service, to the appropriate primary code.

For FNA without imaging guidance, report 10021 for the initial lesion and +10004 for each additional lesion.

Fee Schedule Information

Medicare Fees (National): Conversion Factor \$32.3465, Facility Fee: \$70.19, Non Facility Fee: \$129.06

RVU (Facility): Work RVU 1.46, Practice Exp. RVU 0.55, Malpractice RVU 0.16. Total RVU 2.17

RVU (Non-Facility): Work RVU 1.46, Practice Exp. RVU 2.37, Malpractice RVU 0.16, Total RVU 3.99

MPFS Payment Policy Indicators: Global Period XXX, Preop 0.00%, Intraop 0.00%, Postop 0.00%, MPFS Status Indicator: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None

Practitioner MUE: 1

Modifier Allowances

51, 52, 53, 58, 59, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 99, AG, AQ, AR, AS, GA, GC, GZ, LT, PD, Q6, QJ, RT, SC, XE, XP, XS, XU

NCCI Alerts (version 31.0)

 $0213T^1,0216T^1,10004^1,10008^1,10010^1,10011^1,10012^1,10021^1,\\ 10035^1,11102^1,11103^1,11104^1,11105^1,11106^1,11107^1,19281^1,\\ 19283^1,19285^1,19287^1,36000^1,36410^1,36591^0,36592^0,61650^1,\\ 62324^1,62325^1,62326^1,62327^1,64415^1,64416^1,64417^1,64450^1,\\ 64454^1,64486^1,64487^1,64488^1,64489^1,64490^1,64493^1,76000^1,\\ 76380^1,76942^1,76998^1,77001^1,77002^1,77012^1,77021^1,96360^1,\\ 96365^1,96372^1,96374^1,96375^1,96376^1,96377^1,96523^0$

ICD-10-CM Cross References

ICD-10-CM contains hundreds of matches for this code. Please check individual payer guidelines for specific coverage determinations.

+10006

Fine needle aspiration biopsy, including ultrasound guidance; each additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Clinical Responsibility

With the patient properly prepared and anesthetized (typically with local anesthesia) and following FNA of an initial lesion, the provider inserts a needle, such as an 18- to 25-gauge needle with an attached syringe, under ultrasound imaging guidance into an additional suspicious lesion or area of tissue and withdraws cells, tissue, or fluid for laboratory analysis. The provider may make several passes to obtain an adequate specimen. The provider then sends the aspirate to the pathology lab for analysis.

Coding Tips

For FNA of an initial lesion using other types of imaging guidance, see 10007 (fluoroscopy), 10009 (CT), and 10011 (MRI) and \pm 10008, \pm 10010 and \pm 10012 for each additional lesion respectively.

For FNA without imaging guidance, report 10021 for the initial lesion and +10004 for each additional lesion.

Fee Schedule Information

Medicare Fees (National): Conversion Factor \$32.3465, Facility Fee: \$47.87, Non Facility Fee: \$58.22

RVU (Facility): Work RVU 1.00, Practice Exp. RVU 0.38, Malpractice RVU 0.10, Total RVU 1.48

RVU (Non-Facility): Work RVU 1.00, Practice Exp. RVU 0.70, Malpractice RVU 0.10, Total RVU 1.80

MPFS Payment Policy Indicators: Global Period ZZZ, Preop 0.00%, Intraop 0.00%, Postop 0.00%, MPFS Status Indicator: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None

Practitioner MUE: 3

Modifier Allowances

52, 53, 58, 59, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 99, AQ, AR, AS, GA, GC, GZ, LT, PD, Q6, QJ, RT, SC, XE, XP, XS, XU

NCCI Alerts (version 31.0)

 $0213T^1,0216T^1,10004^1,10035^1,19281^1,19283^1,19285^1,19287^1,\\36000^1,36410^1,36591^0,36592^0,61650^1,62324^1,62325^1,62326^1,\\62327^1,64415^1,64416^1,64417^1,64450^1,64454^1,64486^1,64487^1,\\64488^1,64489^1,64490^1,64493^1,76000^1,76380^1,76942^1,76998^1,\\77001^1,77002^1,77012^1,77021^1,96360^1,96365^1,96372^1,96374^1,\\96375^1,96376^1,96377^1,96523^0$

ICD-10-CM Cross References

ICD-10-CM contains hundreds of matches for this code. Please check individual payer guidelines for specific coverage determinations.

10007

Fine needle aspiration biopsy, including fluoroscopic guidance; first lesion

Clinical Responsibility

With the patient properly prepared and anesthetized (typically with local anesthesia), the provider inserts a needle, such as an 18-to 25-gauge needle with an attached syringe, under fluoroscopic imaging guidance into a suspicious lesion or area of tissue and withdraws cells, tissue, or fluid for laboratory analysis. The provider may make several passes to obtain an adequate specimen. The provider then sends the aspirate to the pathology lab for analysis.

Coding Tips

Report +10008 for each additional lesion in addition to the primary code 10007.

For FNA of an initial lesion using other types of imaging guidance, see 10005 (ultrasound), 10009 (CT), and 10011 (MRI) and +10006, +10010 and +10012 for each additional lesion respectively.

Integumentary System

10030

Image-guided fluid collection drainage by catheter (eg, abscess, hematoma, seroma, lymphocele, cyst), soft tissue (eg, extremity, abdominal wall, neck), percutaneous

Clinical Responsibility

The provider inserts a catheter through the skin using imaging to view the fluid. He then drains the fluid from the soft tissue in cases such as abscess, hematoma, seroma, lymphocele, or cyst. Imaging guidance for needle and catheter placement can be by ultrasound, fluoroscopy, or computed tomography. This procedure can be done by using a catheter that is mounted on a sharp trocar, which is placed through a small skin incision made next to a guiding needle, or by inserting a hollow needle into the cavity and passing a guidewire through the needle to create a path for the drainage catheter. The area is drained, and the catheter, which is left in place, ensures continued drainage.

Coding Tips

For the same procedure on an organ, such as kidney, liver, spleen, or lung or mediastinum, see 49405.

For the same procedure on a fluid collection in the peritoneal or retroperitoneal space, see 49406.

For a fluid collection procedure on the peritoneal or retroperitoneal space but through a vaginal or rectal access route, see 49407.

For incision and drainage of a hematoma, seroma or fluid collection, see 10140.

Fee Schedule Information

Medicare Fees (National): Conversion Factor \$32.3465, Facility Fee: \$129.06, Non Facility Fee: \$600.35

RVU (Facility): Work RVU 2.75, Practice Exp. RVU 0.95, Malpractice RVU 0.29, Total RVU 3.99

RVU (Non-Facility): Work RVU 2.75, Practice Exp. RVU 15.52, Malpractice RVU 0.29, Total RVU 18.56

MPFS Payment Policy Indicators: Global Period 000, Preop 0.00%, Intraop 0.00%, Postop 0.00%, MPFS Status Indicator: A, PC/TC Indicator: 9, Endoscopic Base Code: None

Practitioner MUE: 2

Modifier Allowances

22, 47, 51, 52, 53, 58, 59, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 99, AF, AG, AQ, AR, AS, GA, GC, GZ, KX, PD, Q5, Q6, QJ, XE, XP, XS, XU

NCCI Alerts (version 31.0)

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92014<sup>1</sup>, 93000<sup>1</sup>, 93005<sup>1</sup>, 93010<sup>1</sup>, 93040<sup>1</sup>, 93041<sup>1</sup>, 93042<sup>1</sup>, 93318<sup>1</sup>,
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ICD-10-CM Cross References

D78.01, D78.02, D78.21, D78.22, E36.01, E36.02, E89.820, E89.821, G97.31, G97.32, G97.51, G97.52, H59.111-H59.119, H59.121-H59.129, H59.311-H59.319, H59.321-H59.329, H95.21, H95.22, H95.41, H95.42, I89.8, I97.410-I97.418, I97.42, I97.610-I97.618, I97.620, I97.621, I97.630-I97.638, J95.61, J95.62, J95.830, J95.831, K68.11, K91.61, K91.62, K91.840, K91.841, K91.870, K91.871, L02.811, L02.818, L02.91, L03.811, L03.818, L03.891, L03.898, L03.90, L03.91, L72.0-L72.3, L72.8, L72.9, L76.01, L76.02, L76.21, L76.22, L76.31, L76.32, L98.3, L98.7, M72.8, M79.81, M96.810, M96.811, M96.830, M96.831, M96.840-M96.843, N99.61, N99.62, N99.820, N99.821, N99.840-N99.843, O91.011-O91.019, O91.02, O91.03, O91.111-O91.119, O91.12, O91.13, T79.2XXA, T87.89

10035

Placement of soft tissue localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet, wire/needle, radioactive seeds), percutaneous, including imaging guidance; first lesion

Clinical Responsibility

When the patient is appropriately prepped and anesthetized, the provider uses image guidance to view the exact location of the lesion in the affected soft tissue. The provider then uses a needle introducer to place the localization device through the

skin to the target tissue. After placing the device, the provider uses image guidance to ensure the correct position of the device, closes the site, and applies a bandage.

Coding Tips

This code is for the initial placement of a localization device for the first lesion; for each additional device placed, use +10036 in addition to code for primary procedure.

Fee Schedule Information

Medicare Fees (National): Conversion Factor \$32.3465, Facility Fee: \$80.22, Non Facility Fee: \$339.96

RVU (Facility): Work RVU 1.70, Practice Exp. RVU 0.62, Malpractice RVU 0.16, Total RVU 2.48

RVU (Non-Facility): Work RVU 1.70, Practice Exp. RVU 8.65, Malpractice RVU 0.16, Total RVU 10.51

MPFS Payment Policy Indicators: Global Period 000, Preop 0.00%, Intraop 0.00%, Postop 0.00%, MPFS Status Indicator: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None

Practitioner MUE: 1

Modifier Allowances

22, 47, 50, 51, 52, 58, 59, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 99, AF, AG, AS, CT, GA, GC, GY, GZ, KX, LT, Q5, Q6, QJ, RT, XE, XP, XS, XU

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ICD-10-CM Cross References

C43.52, C44.501, C44.511, C44.521, C44.591, C44.90, C49.0-C49.6, C49.10-C49.12, C49.20-C49.22, C49.8, C49.9, C4A.52, C50.011-C50.019, C50.021-C50.029, C50.111-C50.119,

C50.121-C50.129, C50.211-C50.219, C50.221-C50.229, C50.311-C50.319, C50.321-C50.329, C50.411-C50.419, C50.421-C50.429, C50.511-C50.519, C50.521-C50.529, C50.611-C50.619, C50.621-C50.629, C50.811-C50.819, C50.821-C50.829, C50.911-C50.919, C50.921-C50.929, C77.0-C77.4, C77.8, C77.9, C79.2, C79.81, C79.89, D03.52, D04.9, D05.00-D05.02, D05.10-D05.12, D05.80-D05.82, D05.90-D05.92, D09.20-D09.22, D21.0-D21.3, D21.10-D21.12, D21.20-D21.22, D21.5, D21.6, D21.9, D23.9, D24.1-D24.9, D31.60-D31.62, D36.0, D48.5, D48.60-D48.62, D48.7, D49.2, D49.3, D49.6, D49.89, M79.5

+10036

Placement of soft tissue localization device(s) (eg, clip, metallic pellet, wire/needle, radioactive seeds), percutaneous, including imaging guidance; each additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Clinical Responsibility

After placement of the first localization device and at the same session, the provider uses image guidance to view the exact location of the lesion in the affected soft tissue. The provider then uses a needle introducer to place an additional localization device through the skin to the target tissue. After placing the device, the provider uses image guidance to ensure the correct position of the device, closes the site, and applies a bandage.

Coding Tips

Because +10036 is an add-on code, payers will not reimburse you if you report it without the appropriate primary code, 10035 for the first lesion.

Fee Schedule Information

Medicare Fees (National): Conversion Factor \$32.3465, Facility Fee: \$40.76, Non Facility Fee: \$276.24

RVU (Facility): Work RVU 0.85, Practice Exp. RVU 0.31, Malpractice RVU 0.10, Total RVU 1.26

RVU (Non-Facility): Work RVU 0.85, Practice Exp. RVU 7.59,

Malpractice RVU 0.10, Total RVU 8.54

MPFS Payment Policy Indicators: Global Period ZZZ, Preop 0.00%, Intraop 0.00%, Postop 0.00%, MPFS Status Indicator: A, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None

Practitioner MUE: 2

Modifier Allowances

47, 52, 58, 59, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 99, AF, AG, AS, CT, GA, GC, GY, GZ, KX, LT, Q5, Q6, QJ, RT, XE, XP, XS, XU

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11951

Subcutaneous injection of filling material (eg, collagen); 1.1 to 5.0 cc

Clinical Responsibility

The provider injects the required amount of natural or synthetic filler, such as collagen, into the subcutaneous layer. The material fills depressions due to scars and/or wrinkles. Use this code for an injection that is 1.1 cc to 5.0 cc.

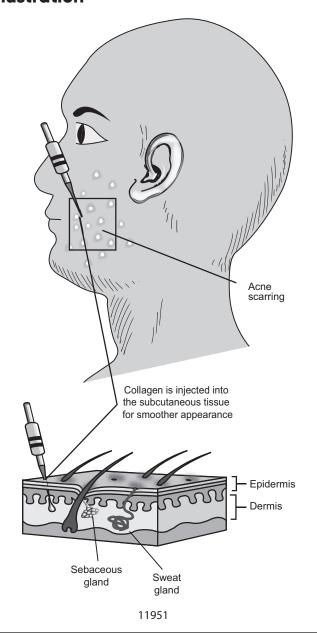
Coding Tips

Use 11950 when services involve an injection that is 1 cc or less. $\label{eq:constraint}$

Use 11952 when services involve an injection that is 5.1 cc to 10 cc.

Use 11954 when services involve an injection that is more than 10 cc.

Illustration



Fee Schedule Information

Medicare Fees (National): Conversion Factor \$32.3465, Facility Fee: \$70.52, Non Facility Fee: \$106.74

RVU (Facility): Work RVU 1.19, Practice Exp. RVU 0.78, Malpractice RVU 0.21, Total RVU 2.18

RVU (Non-Facility): Work RVU 1.19, Practice Exp. RVU 1.90,

Malpractice RVU 0.21, Total RVU 3.30

MPFS Payment Policy Indicators: Global Period 000, Preop 0.00%, Intraop 0.00%, Postop 0.00%, MPFS Status Indicator: R, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None

Practitioner MUE: 1

Modifier Allowances

22, 47, 51, 52, 53, 58, 59, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 99, AQ, AR, AS, GA, GC, GJ, GR, KX, PD, Q5, Q6, QJ, XE, XP, XS, XU

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ICD-10-CM Cross References

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11952

Subcutaneous injection of filling material (eg, collagen); 5.1 to 10.0 cc

Clinical Responsibility

The provider injects the required amount of natural or synthetic filler, such as collagen, into the subcutaneous layer. The material fills depressions due to scars and/or wrinkles. Use this code for an injection that is 5.1 cc to 10.0 cc.

Coding Tips

Use 11950 when services involve an injection that is 1 cc or less.

Use 11951 when services involve an injection that is 1.1 cc to 5.0 cc.

Use 11954 when services involve an injection that is more than 10 cc.

Fee Schedule Information

Medicare Fees (National): Conversion Factor \$32.3465, Facility Fee: \$98.98, Non Facility Fee: \$142.32

RVU (Facility): Work RVU 1.69, Practice Exp. RVU 1.08, Malpractice RVU 0.29, Total RVU 3.06

RVU (Non-Facility): Work RVU 1.69, Practice Exp. RVU 2.42, Malpractice RVU 0.29, Total RVU 4.40

MPFS Payment Policy Indicators: Global Period 000, Preop 0.00%, Intraop 0.00%, Postop 0.00%, MPFS Status Indicator: R, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None

Practitioner MUE: 1

Modifier Allowances

22, 47, 51, 52, 53, 58, 59, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 99, AQ, AR, AS, GA, GC, GJ, GR, KX, PD, Q5, Q6, QJ, XE, XP, XS, XU

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11954

Subcutaneous injection of filling material (eg, collagen); over 10.0 cc

Clinical Responsibility

The provider injects the required amount of natural or synthetic filler, such as collagen, into the subcutaneous layer. The material fills depressions due to scars and/or wrinkles. Use this code for an injection that is more than 10.0 cc.

Coding Tips

Use 11950 when services involve an injection that is 1 cc or less.

Use 11951 when services involve an injection that is 1.1 cc to 5.0 cc.

Use 11952 when services involve an injection that is 5.1 cc to 10 cc.

Fee Schedule Information

Medicare Fees (National): Conversion Factor \$32.3465, Facility Fee: \$109.01, Non Facility Fee: \$157.53

RVU (Facility): Work RVU 1.85, Practice Exp. RVU 1.18, Malpractice RVU 0.34, Total RVU 3.37

RVU (Non-Facility): Work RVU 1.85, Practice Exp. RVU 2.68, Malpractice RVU 0.34, Total RVU 4.87

MPFS Payment Policy Indicators: Global Period 000, Preop 0.00%, Intraop 0.00%, Postop 0.00%, MPFS Status Indicator: R, PC/TC Indicator: 0, Endoscopic Base Code: None

Practitioner MUE: 1

Modifier Allowances

22, 47, 51, 52, 53, 58, 59, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 99, AQ, AR, AS, GA, GC, GJ, GR, KX, PD, Q5, Q6, QJ, XE, XP, XS, XU

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HCPCS Level II Codes

Outpatient PPS

C8002

Preparation of skin cell suspension autograft, automated, including all enzymatic processing and device components (do not report with manual suspension preparation)

Clinical Responsibility

The provider uses epidermal (outermost skin layer providing a barrier) and dermal (the deeper skin layer containing connective tissue) skin previously harvested from the patient to prepare a skin cell suspension autograft (SCSA). The service involves enzymatic processing using enzymes to break down the bonds between skin cells, making it easier to separate them. The provider also performs filtration of the final suspension to ensure that any large pieces of tissue or debris are removed, leaving only the desired skin cells in a liquid form that can be applied to the wound site to promote healing.

BETOS

P1G: Major procedure - other

C9088

Instillation, bupivacaine and meloxicam, 1 mg/0.03 mg

Clinical Responsibility

The standard dosage of bupivacaine (an anesthetic) and meloxicam (a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug) depends on the surgical site. It is supplied in four dosage strengths in single-dose vials: 400 mg/12 mg, 300 mg/9 mg, 200 mg/6 mg, and 60 mg/1.8 mg.

Providers may use this combination of an anesthetic and NSAID to produce postsurgical analgesia (absence of pain). The provider applies the solution into the surgical site, without using a needle, prior to suturing. Typical surgeries involved include bunionectomy, open inguinal herniorrhaphy (hernia repair), and total knee arthroplasty.

Report this code for each 1 mg of bupivacaine and 0.03 mg of meloxicam.

Coding Tips

Brand names for this drug include: Zynrelef™.

If the dose administered is only part of a vial and the remainder has to be discarded, you may be able to report modifier JW.

BETOS

O1E: Other drugs

Procedures/Professional Services

G0168

Wound closure utilizing tissue adhesive(s) only

Clinical Responsibility

The provider uses a tissue adhesive such as cyanoacrylate, instead of staples or sutures, for incisional or laceration repair. Tissue adhesives also replace subcutaneous sutures for larger wounds. The provider applies cyanoacrylate tissue adhesive to form a bond across the edges of the wound. This protects the skin and wound site, inhibits the growth of bacteria, and helps prevent infection. The adhesive closes the wound and permits normal healing with minimal discomfort to the patient. Use this code for Medicare patients who have wound closure through tissue adhesive for both inpatient and outpatient services.

Coding Tips

G codes identify professional healthcare procedures and services that would otherwise be coded in CPT° but for which there are no CPT° codes.

Medicare uses this code if tissue adhesive is used by itself on a simple injury, without sutures, staples, or other closure materials. Often private payers use the CPT® simple repair codes, specifically 12001 through 12018. Check with your payer regarding their preferences prior to submitting the claim.

BETOS

PROCEDURES/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

P6C: Minor procedures - other (Medicare fee schedule)

G0219

PET imaging whole body; melanoma for non-covered indications

Clinical Responsibility

In this procedure, the provider injects a radioactive tracer or radionuclide into the patient's bloodstream. This radionuclide reaches the tumor site through the bloodstream, breaks into tiny positively charged particles called positrons, and emits gamma rays. The provider uses a PET scanner to detect the gamma rays and identify cancer that develops from melanocytes, or pigment cells present in the skin. The scanner provides images of the entire body to illustrate a detailed picture of the tissues for the purpose of detecting melanoma in regional lymph nodes, a noncovered indication for PET scanning.

Coding Tips

Use G codes to represent temporary procedures and professional services. Medicare covers G codes for the services that replace CPT® codes.

To report PET imaging of the whole body for other indications, use CPT® code 78813, Positron emission tomography, or PET, imaging; whole body.

BETOS

14B: Imaging/procedure - other

G0378

Hospital observation service, per hour

Clinical Responsibility

A provider assigns an observation status to a patient who comes to the hospital. The provider monitors the patient to decide whether the patient requires admission to the hospital or can be treated and discharged. This service provides an alternative to inpatient service to the patient, whose clinical status is unstable or at risk of short-term deterioration. This service is reported for each hour of hospital observation service.

Coding Tips

Use one unit of this code for each hour of hospital observation service

Check with the individual payer for their reporting requirements. For instance, the payer may require hospitals to use this code in place of CPT® observation codes.

BETOS

M2A: Hospital visit - initial

G0379

Direct admission of patient for hospital observation care

Clinical Responsibility

This code represents the observation service for a direct patient admission into observation care, such as for a patient who is directly referred to the hospital by a provider in the community. This service provides an alternative to inpatient admission of the patient whose clinical status is unstable or at risk of short-term deterioration. The provider monitors the patient to decide whether the patient requires admission to the hospital or can be discharged.

Coding Tips

Check with the individual payer for their reporting requirements. For instance, the payer may require hospitals to use this code in place of CPT® observation codes.

BETOS

M2A: Hospital visit - initial

ICD-10-CM Cross Reference Details

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A01.09	Typhoid fever with other complications	B00.2	Herpesviral gingivostomatitis and pharyngotonsillitis
A04.8 A04.9	Other specified bacterial intestinal infections Bacterial intestinal infection, unspecified	B00.3 B00.4	Herpesviral meningitis Herpesviral encephalitis
A04.9 A05.8	Other specified bacterial foodborne intoxications	B00.4 B00.50	Herpesviral encephants Herpesviral ocular disease, unspecified
A05.9	Bacterial foodborne intoxication, unspecified	B00.51	Herpesviral iridocyclitis
A06.0	Acute amebic dysentery	B00.52	Herpesviral keratitis
A06.1	Chronic intestinal amebiasis	B00.53	Herpesviral conjunctivitis
A06.2	Amebic nondysenteric colitis	B00.59	Other herpesviral disease of eye
A06.3	Ameboma of intestine	B00.7	Disseminated herpesviral disease
A06.9	Amebiasis, unspecified	B00.81	Herpesviral hepatitis
A07.0	Balantidiasis	B00.89	Other herpesviral infection
A07.1	Giardiasis [lambliasis]	B00.9	Herpesviral infection, unspecified
A07.2	Cryptosporidiosis	B01.89	Other varicella complications
A07.3	Isosporiasis	B01.9	Varicella without complication
A07.4	Cyclosporiasis	B02.0	Zoster encephalitis
A07.8	Other specified protozoal intestinal diseases	B02.1	Zoster meningitis
A07.9 A18.03	Protozoal intestinal disease, unspecified Tuberculosis of other bones	B02.21 B02.22	Postherpetic geniculate ganglionitis
A18.4	Tuberculosis of other bories Tuberculosis of skin and subcutaneous tissue	B02.22	Postherpetic trigeminal neuralgia Postherpetic polyneuropathy
A18.4 A28.8	Other specified zoonotic bacterial diseases, not elsewhere	B02.24	Postherpetic myelitis
A20.0	classified	B02.29	Other postherpetic nervous system involvement
A28.9	Zoonotic bacterial disease, unspecified	B02.30	Zoster ocular disease, unspecified
A31.0	Pulmonary mycobacterial infection	B02.31	Zoster conjunctivitis
A31.1	Cutaneous mycobacterial infection	B02.32	Zoster iridocyclitis
A31.8	Other mycobacterial infections	B02.33	Zoster keratitis
A31.9	Mycobacterial infection, unspecified	B02.34	Zoster scleritis
A34	Obstetrical tetanus	B02.39	Other herpes zoster eye disease
A36.89	Other diphtheritic complications	B02.7	Disseminated zoster
A38.8	Scarlet fever with other complications	B02.8	Zoster with other complications
A41.02	Sepsis due to Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	B02.9	Zoster without complications
A46 A48.8	Erysipelas Other specified bacterial diseases	B03 B04	Smallpox Monkeypox
A49.01	Methicillin susceptible Staphylococcus aureus infection,	B05.4	Measles with intestinal complications
A-3.01	unspecified site	B05.89	Other measles complications
A49.02	Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus infection,	B05.9	Measles without complication
	unspecified site	B06.00	Rubella with neurological complication, unspecified
A49.8	Other bacterial infections of unspecified site	B06.09	Other neurological complications of rubella
A49.9	Bacterial infection, unspecified	B06.89	Other rubella complications
A50.44	Late congenital syphilitic optic nerve atrophy	B06.9	Rubella without complication
A51.0	Primary genital syphilis	B07.0	Plantar wart
A51.39	Other secondary syphilis of skin	B07.8	Other viral warts
A52.73 A52.76	Symptomatic late syphilis of other respiratory organs Other genitourinary symptomatic late syphilis	B07.9 B08.09	Viral wart, unspecified Other orthopoxvirus infections
A52.70 A52.79	Other symptomatic late syphilis	B08.09	Molluscum contagiosum
A56.00	Chlamydial infection of lower genitourinary tract, unspecified	B08.21	Exanthema subitum [sixth disease] due to human
A56.02	Chlamydial vulvovaginitis	500.21	herpesvirus 6
A57	Chancroid	B08.22	Exanthema subitum [sixth disease] due to human
A59.01	Trichomonal vulvovaginitis		herpesvirus 7
A60.00	Herpesviral infection of urogenital system, unspecified	B08.8	Other specified viral infections characterized by skin and
A60.01	Herpesviral infection of penis		mucous membrane lesions
A60.02	Herpesviral infection of other male genital organs	B09	Unspecified viral infection characterized by skin and mucous
A60.03	Herpesviral cervicitis	B.c.c	membrane lesions
A60.04	Herpesviral vulvovaginitis	B20	Human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] disease
A60.09	Herpesviral infection of other urogenital tract	B26.89 B26.9	Other mumps complications
A60.1 A60.9	Herpesviral infection of perianal skin and rectum Anogenital herpesviral infection, unspecified	B20.9 B27.00	Mumps without complication Gammaherpesviral mononucleosis without complication
A60.9 A63.0	Anogenital (venereal) warts	B27.00 B27.09	Gammaherpesviral mononucleosis without complication
A66.0	Initial lesions of yaws	B27.10	Cytomegaloviral mononucleosis without complications
A66.2	Other early skin lesions of yaws	B27.19	Cytomegaloviral mononucleosis with other complication
A66.3	Hyperkeratosis of yaws	B27.80	Other infectious mononucleosis without complication
A67.0	Primary lesions of pinta	B27.89	Other infectious mononucleosis with other complication
A67.1	Intermediate lesions of pinta	B27.90	Infectious mononucleosis, unspecified without complication
A67.2	Late lesions of pinta	B27.99	Infectious mononucleosis, unspecified with other
A67.3	Mixed lesions of pinta		complication
A79.82	Anaplasmosis [A. phagocytophilum]	B33.8	Other specified viral diseases
A92.39	West Nile virus infection with other complications	B34.1	Enterovirus infection, unspecified
B00.0 B00.1	Eczema herpeticum Horposviral vocicular dormatitis	B34.2 B34.4	Coronavirus infection, unspecified Papovavirus infection, unspecified
D00.1	Herpesviral vesicular dermatitis	D34.4	i apovavirus iiriection, unspecified

D24.0	Oth an inclination of monorified site	B44.0	A an availla sia uuran asi6 a d
B34.8 B35.0	Other viral infections of unspecified site	B44.9 B45.0	Aspergillosis, unspecified
	Tinea barbae and tinea capitis		Pulmonary cryptococcosis
B35.1	Tinea unguium	B45.1	Cerebral cryptococcosis
B35.2	Tinea manuum	B45.2	Cutaneous cryptococcosis
B35.3	Tinea pedis	B45.3 B45.7	Osseous cryptococcosis
B35.4	Tinea corporis Tinea imbricata	B45.7 B45.8	Disseminated cryptococcosis
B35.5			Other forms of cryptococcosis
B35.6	Tinea cruris	B45.9	Cryptococcosis, unspecified
B35.8	Other dermatophytoses	B46.0	Pulmonary mucormycosis
B35.9	Dermatophytosis, unspecified	B46.1	Rhinocerebral mucormycosis
B36.0	Pityriasis versicolor	B46.2	Gastrointestinal mucormycosis
B36.1	Tinea nigra	B46.3	Cutaneous mucormycosis
B36.2	White piedra	B46.4	Disseminated mucormycosis
B36.3	Black piedra	B46.5	Mucormycosis, unspecified
B36.8	Other specified superficial mycoses	B46.8	Other zygomycoses
B36.9	Superficial mycosis, unspecified	B46.9	Zygomycosis, unspecified
B37.0	Candidal stomatitis	B47.0	Eumycetoma
B37.1	Pulmonary candidiasis	B48.1	Rhinosporidiosis
B37.2	Candidiasis of skin and nail	B48.2	Allescheriasis
B37.31	Acute candidiasis of vulva and vagina	B48.3	Geotrichosis
B37.32	Chronic candidiasis of vulva and vagina	B48.4	Penicillosis
B37.41	Candidal cystitis and urethritis	B48.8	Other specified mycoses
B37.42	Candidal balanitis	B49	Unspecified mycosis
B37.49	Other urogenital candidiasis	B50.0	Plasmodium falciparum malaria with cerebral complications
B37.5	Candidal meningitis	B51.8	Plasmodium vivax malaria with other complications
B37.6	Candidal endocarditis	B51.9	Plasmodium vivax malaria without complication
B37.7	Candidal sepsis	B52.0	Plasmodium malariae malaria with nephropathy
B37.81	Candidal esophagitis	B52.8	Plasmodium malariae malaria with other complications
B37.82	Candidal enteritis	B52.9	Plasmodium malariae malaria without complication
B37.83	Candidal cheilitis	B55.1	Cutaneous leishmaniasis
B37.84	Candidal otitis externa	B55.2	Mucocutaneous leishmaniasis
B37.89	Other sites of candidiasis	B60.00	Babesiosis, unspecified
B37.9	Candidiasis, unspecified	B60.01	Babesiosis due to Babesia microti
B38.0	Acute pulmonary coccidioidomycosis	B60.02	Babesiosis due to Babesia duncani
B38.1	Chronic pulmonary coccidioidomycosis	B60.03	Babesiosis due to Babesia divergens
B38.2	Pulmonary coccidioidomycosis, unspecified	B60.09	Other babesiosis
B38.3	Cutaneous coccidioidomycosis	B65.3	Cercarial dermatitis
B38.4	Coccidioidomycosis meningitis	B66.5	Fasciolopsiasis
B38.7	Disseminated coccidioidomycosis	B66.8	Other specified fluke infections
B38.81	Prostatic coccidioidomycosis	B66.9	Fluke infection, unspecified
B38.89	Other forms of coccidioidomycosis	B67.32	Echinococcus granulosus infection, multiple sites
B38.9	Coccidioidomycosis, unspecified	B67.39	Echinococcus granulosus infection, other sites
B39.0	Acute pulmonary histoplasmosis capsulati	B67.4	Echinococcus granulosus infection, unspecified
B39.1	Chronic pulmonary histoplasmosis capsulati	B68.0	Taenia solium taeniasis
B39.2	Pulmonary histoplasmosis capsulati, unspecified	B68.1	Taenia saginata taeniasis
B39.3	Disseminated histoplasmosis capsulati	B68.9	Taeniasis, unspecified
B39.4	Histoplasmosis capsulati, unspecified	B69.89	Cysticercosis of other sites
B39.5	Histoplasmosis duboisii	B69.9	Cysticercosis, unspecified
B39.9	Histoplasmosis, unspecified	B71.0	Hymenolepiasis
B40.0	Acute pulmonary blastomycosis	B71.1	Dipylidiasis
B40.1	Chronic pulmonary blastomycosis	B71.8	Other specified cestode infections
B40.2 B40.3	Pulmonary blastomycosis, unspecified	B71.9 B76.0	Cestode infection, unspecified Ancylostomiasis
	Cutaneous blastomycosis		•
B40.7 B40.81	Disseminated blastomycosis	B76.1 B76.8	Necatoriasis Other hookworm diseases
	Blastomycotic meningoencephalitis		
B40.89	Other forms of blastomycosis	B76.9	Hookworm disease, unspecified
B40.9	Blastomycosis, unspecified	B77.0	Ascariasis with intestinal complications
B42.0	Pulmonary sporotrichosis	B77.81 B77.89	Ascariasis pneumonia
B42.1	Lymphocutaneous sporotrichosis		Ascariasis with other complications
B42.7	Disseminated sporotrichosis	B77.9	Ascariasis, unspecified
B42.81	Cerebral sporotrichosis	B78.0	Intestinal strongyloidiasis
B42.82	Sporotrichosis arthritis	B78.1	Cutaneous strongyloidiasis
B42.89	Other forms of sporotrichosis	B78.9	Strongyloidiasis, unspecified
B42.9	Sporotrichosis, unspecified	B79	Trichuriasis
B43.0	Cutaneous chromomycosis	B80	Enterobiasis
B43.2	Subcutaneous pheomycotic abscess and cyst	B81.1	Intestinal capillariasis
B44.0	Invasive pulmonary aspergillosis	B81.2 B81.3	Trichostrongyliasis
B44.1	Other pulmonary aspergillosis		Intestinal angiostrongyliasis
B44.2	Tonsillar aspergillosis	B81.4	Mixed intestinal helminthiases
B44.7	Disseminated aspergillosis	B81.8	Other specified intestinal helminthiases
B44.81	Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis	B82.0	Intestinal helminthiasis, unspecified
B44.89	Other forms of aspergillosis	B82.9	Intestinal parasitism, unspecified

Modifier Descriptors

Modifier	Description
	CPT® Modifiers
22	Increased Procedural Services
23	Unusual Anesthesia
24	Unrelated Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional During a Postoperative Period
25	Significant, Separately Identifiable Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional on the Same Day of the Procedure or Other Service
26	Professional Component
27	Multiple Outpatient Hospital E/M Encounters on the Same Date
32	Mandated Services
33	Preventive Services
47	Anesthesia by Surgeon
50	Bilateral Procedure
51	Multiple Procedures
52	Reduced Services
53	Discontinued Procedure
54	Surgical Care Only
55	Postoperative Management Only
56	Preoperative Management Only
57	Decision for Surgery
58	Staged or Related Procedure or Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional During the Postoperative Period
59	Distinct Procedural Service
62	Two Surgeons
63	Procedure Performed on Infants less than 4 kg
66	Surgical Team
73	Discontinued Out-Patient Hospital/Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Procedure Prior to the Administration of Anesthesia
74	Discontinued Out-Patient Hospital/Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Procedure After Administration of Anesthesia
76	Repeat Procedure or Service by Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional
77	Repeat Procedure by Another Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional

Modifier	Description
78	Unplanned Return to the Operating/Procedure Room by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Following Initial Procedure for a Related Procedure During the Postoperative Period
79	Unrelated Procedure or Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional During the Postoperative Period
80	Assistant Surgeon
81	Minimum Assistant Surgeon
82	Assistant Surgeon (when qualified resident surgeon not available)
90	Reference (Outside) Laboratory
91	Repeat Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Test
92	Alternative Laboratory Platform Testing
93	Synchronous Telemedicine Service Rendered Via Telephone or Other Real-Time Interactive Audio- Only Telecommunications System
95	Synchronous Telemedicine Service Rendered Via a Real-Time Interactive Audio and Video Telecommunications System
96	Habilitative Services
97	Rehabilitative Services
99	Multiple Modifiers
	CPT® Category II Modifiers
1P	Performance Measure Exclusion Modifier due to Medical Reasons
2P	Performance Measure Exclusion Modifier due to Patient Reasons
3P	Performance Measure Exclusion Modifier due to System Reasons
8P	Performance Measure Reporting Modifier - Action Not Performed, Reason Not Otherwise Specified
	HCPCS Level II Modifiers
A1	Dressing for one wound
A2	Dressing for two wounds
А3	Dressing for three wounds
A4	Dressing for four wounds
A5	Dressing for five wounds
A6	Dressing for six wounds
A7	Dressing for seven wounds
A8	Dressing for eight wounds
A9	Dressing for nine or more wounds
AA	Anesthesia services performed personally by anesthesiologist

Modifier	Description
АВ	Audiology service furnished personally by an audiologist without a physician/npp order for non-acute hearing assessment unrelated to disequilibrium, or hearing aids, or examinations for the purpose of prescribing, fitting, or changing hearing aids; service may be performed once every 12 months, per beneficiary
AD	Medical supervision by a physician: more than four concurrent anesthesia procedures
AE	Registered dietician
AF	Specialty physician
AG	Primary physician
АН	Clinical psychologist
AI	Principal physician of record
AJ	Clinical social worker
AK	Non participating physician
AM	Physician, team member service
AO	Alternate payment method declined by provider of service
AP	Determination of refractive state was not performed in the course of diagnostic ophthalmological examination
AQ	Physician providing a service in an unlisted health professional shortage area (HPSA)
AR	Physician provider services in a physician scarcity area
AS	Physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist services for assistant at surgery
AT	Acute treatment (this modifier should be used when reporting service 98940, 98941, 98942)
AU	Item furnished in conjunction with a urological, ostomy, or tracheostomy supply
AV	Item furnished in conjunction with a prosthetic device, prosthetic or orthotic
AW	Item furnished in conjunction with a surgical dressing
AX	Item furnished in conjunction with dialysis services
AY	Item or service furnished to an ESRD patient that is not for the treatment of ESRD
AZ	Physician providing a service in a dental health professional shortage area for the purpose of an electronic health record incentive payment
ВА	Item furnished in conjunction with parenteral enteral nutrition (PEN) services
BL	Special acquisition of blood and blood products
ВО	Orally administered nutrition, not by feeding tube
ВР	The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and has elected to purchase the item
BR	The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and has elected to rent the item

Modifier	Description
BU	The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and after 30 days has not informed the supplier of his/her decision
CA	Procedure payable only in the inpatient setting when performed emergently on an outpatient who expires prior to admission
СВ	Service ordered by a renal dialysis facility (RDF) physician as part of the ESRD beneficiary's dialysis benefit, is not part of the composite rate, and is separately reimbursable
СС	Procedure code change (use 'CC' when the procedure code submitted was changed either for administrative reasons or because an incorrect code was filed)
CD	AMCC test has been ordered by an ESRD facility or MCP physician that is part of the composite rate and is not separately billable
CE	AMCC test has been ordered by an ESRD facility or MCP physician that is a composite rate test but is beyond the normal frequency covered under the rate and is separately reimbursable based on medical necessity
CF	AMCC test has been ordered by an ESRD facility or MCP physician that is not part of the composite rate and is separately billable
CG	Policy criteria applied
СН	0 percent impaired, limited or restricted
CI	At least 1 percent but less than 20 percent impaired, limited or restricted
CI	At least 20 percent but less than 40 percent impaired, limited or restricted
CK	At least 40 percent but less than 60 percent impaired, limited or restricted
CL	At least 60 percent but less than 80 percent impaired, limited or restricted
CM	At least 80 percent but less than 100 percent impaired, limited or restricted
CN	100 percent impaired, limited or restricted
со	Outpatient occupational therapy services furnished in whole or in part by an occupational therapy assistant
CQ	Outpatient physical therapy services furnished in whole or in part by a physical therapist assistant
CR	Catastrophe/disaster related
CS	Cost-sharing waived for specified COVID-19 testing-related services that result in and order for or administration of a COVID-19 test and/or used for cost-sharing waived preventive services furnished via telehealth in rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers during the COVID-19 public health emergency

Terminology

Terminology	Explanation
Abbe Estlander operation	Transfer of a full thickness section of one lip to the other lip ensuring survival of the graft.
Abdominal wall	May refer to muscle covering the abdomen, or to the skin, fascia, muscle, and membranes marking the boundaries of the abdominal cavity.
Ablate	To remove tissue, a body part, or an organ or destroy its function.
Ablation	Surgical destruction of abnormal tissue or organ growth.
Abrasion	Removal of superficial layers of skin.
Abscess	A collection of pus in a walled off sac or pocket, the result of infection.
Achilles tendon	Large tendon at the back the heel that connects the muscles of the calf to the calcaneal bone, or heel; also called tendo calcaneus.
Acne	Eruptions of small oil secreting glands below the skin surface due to infection or inflammation; also known as pimples.
Actinic keratoses	Rough, scaly patches of skin that develop from prolonged exposure to sun.
Actinotherapy	Therapeutic use of ultraviolet light rays to treat various skin diseases.
Acute	A medical condition or injury of sudden onset, sometimes severe in nature, and typically lasts a short period of time; opposite of chronic.
Allergenic extract	A protein containing an extract purified from a substance to which a patient may be allergic.
Allograft	A tissue graft harvested from one person for another; donors include cadavers and living individuals related or unrelated to the recipient; also called allogeneic graft and homograft.
Alopecia	Hair loss.
Alveolar cleft	Congenital defect in which a cleft, or gap, occurs in the alveolar arch, the tooth bearing portion of the jaw bone.
Alveolar ridge	A ridge like border on the upper and lower jaw containing tooth sockets.
Ambulatory care	Medical care rendered in an outpatient setting, i.e., not requiring an overnight stay in a hospital.
Anagen	The active phase of the hair growth cycle; in this phase, the hair grows about 1 cm every 28 days.
Anaphylactic / Anaphylaxis	The body's severe allergic reaction towards a specific substance which acts as an allergen.
Anesthesia	A medication induced state that reduces or eliminates sensitivity to pain, depending upon the type of anesthesia administered; general anesthesia renders the patient completely unconscious, while local or regional anesthesia reduce sensation to pain in specific areas of the body.
Anesthetic	Substance that reduces sensitivity to pain.
Aneurysm	Weakness in the wall of a blood vessel or wall of a ventricle of the heart, typically the left ventricle, causing the wall to balloon out; sometimes requiring surgical excision or repair to prevent rupture.
Anterior	Closer to the front part of the body.
Anterior intrusion	Abnormal projection of a structure in a frontward direction.
Anteroposterior or AP view	The X-ray beam travels from front to back.
Antibiotic	Substance that inhibits infection.
Antiretroviral therapy	Drug treatment for patients with HIV, which can prolong their life.
Antrotomy	An incision through the wall of the antrum, or the pyramid shaped maxillary sinus.
Anus	External opening of the rectum where gastrointestinal tract ends.
Apert syndrome	Rare congenital disorder resulting in significant facial deformity, or craniofacial dysostosis, and webbing deformities of the hands and feet.
Apocrine sweat gland	A type of large, specialized sweat gland that produces fluid secretion by pinching off one end of the secreting cells, which is found at the junction of the skin (dermis) layers and subcutaneous fat.
Articular disk	An oval of flexible cartilage separating two bones that form a joint.
Aseptic	Conditions characterized by freedom from contamination by any microorganism.
Aspirate	Small amount of cells or fluid from a cyst or mass.

Aspiration	Withdrawal of fluids or tissue from the body.
Atretic plate	A plate at the end of the nasal septum that is continuous with the choanal opening, an opening
	between the nasal cavity and the nasopharynx.
Autogenous tissue graft	Tissue harvested from the patient's own body used to replace diseased, damaged, or missing tissue.
Autograft	Donor tissue or organ obtained from one part or area of the body and placed on a different body part or area of the same individual.
Autologous	Surgical placement of any tissue from one part of the body to another location in the same patient, also applies to reinfusion of blood or its components to the same patient from which the blood was removed.
Axial pattern flap	A flap the provider creates from healthy skin and underlying tissue, including a named vascular supply along the center axis of the flap; the provider takes the flap along with its blood vessels from one area of the human body and rotates or otherwise places the flap at a nearby recipient site; an axial pattern flap retains its own direct blood supply from identified vessels when the provider transfers the flap to the affected or recipient site.
Axilla	The space beneath the arm where it joins the body; also called the armpit or underarm.
Bacteria	Single celled microorganisms, i.e., visible only with a microscope, some of which cause infection.
Benign	Condition or growth that is not cancerous in nature.
Benign lesion	Area of damaged or diseased tissue that is noncancerous.
Bichloracetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, caustic agents	Chemical agents which burn or corrode the tissue by a chemical reaction.
Bicoronal incision	An incision across the scalp on the crown, or corona, of the head from one side to the other; used synonymously with coronal and bitemporal incision.
Bifrontal craniotomy	Surgical incision of the skull, or cranium, across the frontal bone from one side to the other.
Bilateral	On two sides; opposite of unilateral.
Biopsy	Tissue sample that the provider excises from the patient to ascertain the presence of disease.
Bladder	A muscular organ that receives, stores, and transmits fluids; the urinary bladder stores urine; the gallbladder stores bile.
Blepharoplasty	The surgical removal of excess of fat, muscle, and loose skin around the eyelids.
Blunt dissection	Separation of tissue layers using the fingers; sharp dissection separates tissue layers using a blade.
Bone grafting	Surgical procedure that replaces missing bones with material from the patient's own body, or from an artificial, synthetic, or natural substitute.
Bone marrow	Substance within the internal cavity of a bone; a source of stem cells, which ultimately develop into red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets.
Bone paste	Substance that acts as a bone substitute to fill in bony defects; also called bone cement.
Bone plate	Flat or contoured metal plating attached with screws to a bone to provide stabilization or repair a fracture.
Bone shaver	Surgical instrument used to remove a very thin slice of bone.
Bovine	Originating from cattle.
Brachycephaly	Disorder in which the head is shorter and wider than normal, usually due to a congenital defect, as seen in Down syndrome; brachycephaly is sometimes used to refer to a form of plagiocephaly, or flat head syndrome, that occurs when an infant sleeps only on its back.
Brachytherapy	Insertion of radioactive implants directly into the cancer tissues.
Breast biopsy	A procedure to remove small sample from the breast to diagnose any abnormality, such as cancer, present in the breast.
Breast cancer	A type of cancer that develops from the breast cells and capable of spreading, commonly affecting women; the major signs include a lump in the breast, change in the shape of the breast, fluid from the nipples.
Breast expander	A type of implant mainly designed to stretch the breast tissue and prepare it for future implant.
Breast localization device	Small devices used to mark the location of a breast abnormality to make it easier for the provider to find the target area during biopsy.

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