

Coding for Robotic

Surgery Introduction

Robotic-assisted surgery refers to technology that allows the surgeon to operate from a console remote from the patient and not scrubbed in, and many hospitals have adopted this technology in the fields of: Urology, Gynecology (Oncology, Urogynecology and General Gynecology), and Colorectal Surgery.

In 2007, the American Medical Association (AMA) CPT Editorial Panel determined that there was no need for a new CPT code or unique modifier for surgical procedures performed using robotic assistance. Physicians are advised to use the CPT code that accurately describes the base surgical procedure. Use of modifier 22 is not appropriate, if the sole use of the modifier is to report and bill for the use of robotic assistance.

CPT codes and RVU table from 2017 National Physician Fee Schedule:

CPT Code	Description	Total RVU's(Non-Facility)	Total RVU's (Facility)
58541	Laparoscopic Supracervical Hysterectomy, uterus < 250g		20.37
58542	Laparoscopic Supracervical Hysterectomy with tubes/ ovaries , uterus < 250g	NA	23.27
58543	Laparoscopic Supracervical Hysterectomy, uterus > 250g	NA	23.49

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58544	Laparoscopic Supracervical Hysterectomy with tubes/ovaries, uterus > 250g	NA	25.63
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58570	Total Laparoscopic hysterectomy, uterus < 250g	NA	22.18
58571	Total Laparoscopic hysterectomy with tubes/ovaries, uterus < 250g	NA	25.64
58572	Total Laparoscopic hysterectomy, uterus > 250g	NA	29.07
58573	Total Laparoscopic hysterectomy with tubes/ovaries, uterus > 250g	NA	34.76
51990	Laparoscopic Urethral suspension for stress incontinence (Burch)	NA	24.22

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57426	Laparoscopic Revision (including removal) of prosthetic vaginal graft	NA	23.97
57425	Laparoscopic Sacrocolpopexy (with mesh)	NA	27.63
57423	Laparoscopic Paravaginal defect repair (including repair of cystocele, if performed)	NA	25.94

Billing Tips:

Surgical procedures completed with robotic assistance should be billed using existing CPT codes for laparoscopic surgical procedures and coverage policies for laparoscopic surgical procedures also apply.

Documentation:

HCPCS code S2900 – Surgical techniques requiring use of robotic surgical system (listed separately in addition to code for primary procedure), was effective July 2005 and can be used by your hospital to report the use of robotic assistance. However, it is a non-reimbursable code under Medicare and may not be recognized as a separately billable and payable service by a majority of leading commercial payers.

Coding Pitfalls:

Providers need to be aware that since there are no unique codes for robotic procedures, the additional time and effort that is spent setting up, docking and un-docking the robot are not reimbursed additionally.

Providers also need to be aware that recent NCCI edits have bundled cystoscopy, and other procedures with common gyn laparoscopic procedures, and that these procedures are no longer separately reimbursable, even if they are clinically indicated

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