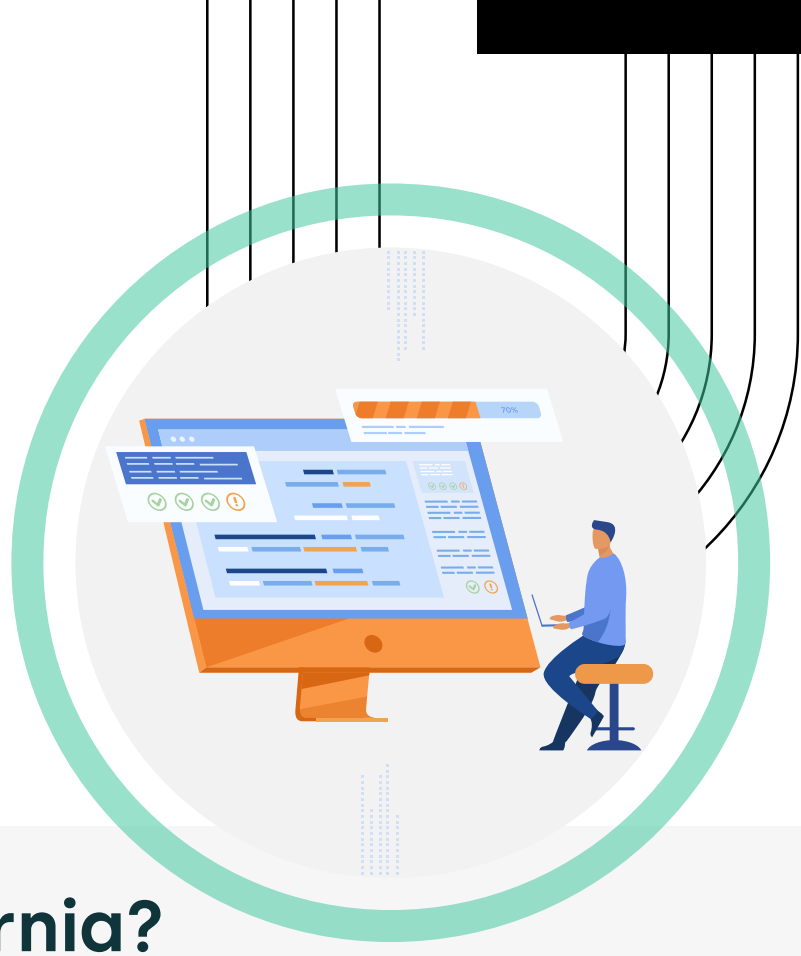


Hernia Repair Billing Guidelines 2023

Effective from January 1, 2023.



What is Anterior abdominal Hernia?

Five types of hernia that occur on the abdominal have been grouped as Anterior ***abdominal hernia(s) in the CPT manual 2023***

Anterior Abdominal Hernia(s) List

- Incisional Hernia
- Ventral Hernia
- Epigastric Hernia
- Umbilical Hernia
- Spigelian Hernia

What was Changed?

Code selection factors have been changed only for Anterior abdominal hernia(s)

Additions	Deletions	Revisions
15	18	0

What was Deleted?

18 CPT code from both Open and Laparoscopic approach were deleted

Reason for Deletion:

- To avoid the discrepancy for the code selection
- To avoid the unnecessary Query to the provider
 - Type of Hernia
 - Selection/Approach etc.

New codes for 2023

- 12 New codes for anterior abdominal hernia repair
- 2 new CPT codes added for “Parastomal Hernia”
- 1 new add-on code added for “Removal of Non-infected Mesh or Prosthesis”

Factors Influencing CPT code selection: 2022 Vs 2023

Code Selection Factors	Before 2023	Effective from 2023
Types of Hernias	Types of anterior abdominal hernia (ventral/umbilical, etc.) had specific CPT codes	Types of anterior abdominal hernia (ventral/umbilical, etc.) had specific CPT codes
Surgical approach (Open/Laparoscopy)	Open and laparoscopic approach has different code sets	Open and Laparoscopic approach has same code sets
Mesh Placement	Billed Separately only for open approach in ventral/incisional hernia if placed	Integral part for anterior hernia repair in any approach, and should not be billed separately
Robotic (S2900)	Billed separately if used	Integral part for anterior hernia repair in any approach, and should not be billed separately
Initial or Recurrent (Hernia repair)	Initial and recurrent hernias have specific CPT codes	Initial and recurrent hernias have specific CPT codes
Reducible/Incarcerated or Strangulated (clinical presentation)	CPT code selection will be influenced by the clinical presentation, such as Reducible/Incarcerated or Strangulated	CPT code selection will be influenced by the clinical presentation, such as Reducible/Incarcerated or Strangulated
Patient's Age	Umbilical hernia has code selection based on Patient's age	Does not influence code selection
Total length of defect(s)	Does not exist	Newly added for 2023

Factors Influencing CPT code selection Effective 2023

Anterior Abdominal Hernia(s)	Total Length of defect(s)	Reducible	Incarcerated or Strangulated
Initial	<3 cm	49591	49592
Initial	3 cm to 10 cm	49593	49594
Initial	>10 cm	49595	49596
Recurrent	<3 cm	49613	49614
Recurrent	3 cm to 10 cm	49615	49616
Recurrent	>10 cm	49617	49618

Other New codes added are:

Parastomal Hernia:

Two new codes were added based on clinical presentation

- 49621- Reducible, any approach (Includes mesh placement)
- 49622- Incarcerated or strangulated, any approach (Includes mesh placement)

Removal of Mesh or Prosthesis:

- A new add-on code added
- CPT code +49623 (needs to be used in conjunction with 49591-49622)
- Use only when the mesh is removed for non-infection conditions