

Weekly tips from ERG documentation committee to improve our documentation under the new 2023 CMS Guidelines – Week 4

Our charts are now coded based on three categories

1. Problem
2. Data
3. **Risk**

Major/Minor Surgery is one of the areas that most ER physicians get confused on. These are not surgeries that we are admitting the patient for, these are procedures that you perform in the Emergency Department.

- Procedure note helps to meet this criterion
- Procedure note is an additional code to ED note

Level 4 chart

Decision regarding **MINOR** Surgery/procedure

- Examples
  - Simple lac repair (includes tissue adhesive glue)
  - I&D
  - Cerumen disimpaction
  - Hernia reduction

Level 5 chart

Decision regarding elective/emergent **MAJOR** surgery/procedure

- Examples
  - Complex lac repair (think multiple lacs, multi-layer, foreign body removal)
  - G tube replacement
  - Fracture reduction
  - Dislocation procedures
  - Lumbar puncture
  - Chest tube
  - Intubation
  - Procedural sedation
  - Cardioversion

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