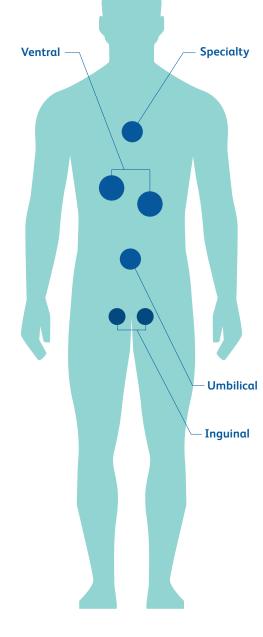


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Coding for hernia mesh

Inpatient procedures

The price of mesh is included in the DRG payment.

Outpatient

2023 CPT changes to anterior abdominal hernia repair coding

- Effective January 1, 2023, the AMA approved the deletion of 18 CPT codes for reporting abdominal hernia repair (49560, 49561, 49565, 49566, 49568, 49570, 49572, 49580, 49582, 49585, 49587, 49590, 49652-49657) as well as the addition of new codes that redesign the reporting of ventral hernia repair family, including incisional, umbilical, epigastric, spigelian, and parastomal hernia repair.
- New CPT codes 49591-49596 and 49613-49618 describe the repair of an anterior abdominal hernia (ie, epigastric, incisional, ventral, umbilical, spigelian), by any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic) and includes the implantation of mesh or another prosthesis. These codes are reported only once based on the total defect size for one or more anterior abdominal hernia(s).
- New CPT codes 49621-49622 describe the repair of a parastomal hernia, by any approach and includes the implantation of mesh or other prosthesis.
- New add-on CPT code +49623 describes the removal of non-infected mesh or other prosthesis at the time of anterior abdominal or parastomal hernia repairs. Removal of infected mesh may be reported with CPT 11008.
- Mesh is considered the standard of care. The cost of the mesh is included in the CPT payment. No additional codes are needed.

Open inguinal, lumbar, and femoral hernias

- Inguinal, femoral and lumbar hernia CPT codes are not affected by the above changes.
- Mesh is considered the standard of care. The cost of the mesh is included in the CPT payment. No additional codes are needed.

Coding for BD mesh

- Phasix[™], Phasix[™] ST, XenMatrix[™] and XenMatrix[™] AB are treated like synthetic mesh. No additional payment is available for these or any other hernia repair mesh.
- HCPCS code C1781, mesh (implantable), is appropriate for all hernia mesh. It does not provide additional payment.

Glossary

APC – Ambulatory Payment Classifications

- **CC** Complications and/or Comorbidity
- **CPT** Current Procedural Terminology
- DRG Diagnosis Related Group

HCPCS – Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System

ICD-10-PCS – International Classification of Disease, 10th Revision, Procedure Classification System

MCC – Major Complications and/or Comorbidity

MS-DRG – Medicare Severity-Diagnosis Related Group

RVU – Relative Value Unit

	DRGs	Medicare National Average Payment
MS-DRG	Description esophageal and duodenal procedures	2023
326	Stomach, esophageal and duodenal procedures with MCC	\$35,112
327	Stomach, esophageal and duodenal procedures with CC	\$17,569
328	Stomach, esophageal and duodenal procedures without	\$11,371
Deritopool	CC/MCC	
	adhesiolysis	¢25.260
335	Peritoneal adhesiolysis with MCC	\$25,269
336	Peritoneal adhesiolysis with CC	\$14,590
337	Peritoneal adhesiolysis without CC/MCC	\$10,807
Major sma	all and large bowel procedures	
329	Major small and large bowel procedures with MCC	\$31,714
330	Major small and large bowel procedures with CC	\$16,843
331	Major small and large bowel procedures without CC/MCC	\$11,722
Anal and s	stomal procedures	
347	Anal and stomal procedures with MCC	\$17,411
348	Anal and stomal procedures with CC	\$9,473
349	Anal and stomal procedures without CC/MCC	\$6,840
Inguinal a	nd femoral hernia procedures	
350	Inguinal and femoral hernia procedures with MCC	\$16,168
351	Inguinal and femoral hernia procedures with CC	\$10,085
352	352 Inguinal and femoral hernia procedures without CC/MCC	
Hernia pro	cedures except inguinal and femoral	
353	Hernia procedures except inguinal and femoral with MCC	\$19,672
354	Hernia procedures except inguinal and femoral with CC	\$12,018
355	Hernia procedures except inguinal and femoral without CC/MCC	\$9,413
Breast pro	cedures (i.e. flap reinforcement)	
582	Mastectomy for malignancy with CC/MCC	\$13,272
583	Mastectomy for malignancy without CC/MCC	\$10,363
584	Breast biopsy, local excision and other breast procedures with CC/MCC	\$14,651
585	Breast biopsy, local excision and other breast procedures without CC/MCC	\$12,629
Wound de	bridements for injuries	
901	Wound debridements for injuries with MCC	\$30,172
902	Wound debridements for injuries with CC	\$13,594
903	Wound debridements for injuries without CC/MCC	\$8,338

MS-DRGs

Medicare National Average

MS-DRG	Description	2023		
Other O.R. procedures for injuries				
907	Other O.R. procedures for injuries with MCC	\$26,517		
908	Other O.R. procedures for injuries with CC	\$14,107		
909	Other O.R. procedures for injuries without CC/MCC	\$9,361		
Other O.R. procedures for multiple significant trauma				
957	Other O.R. procedures for multiple significant trauma with MCC	\$50,832		
958	Other O.R. procedures for multiple significant trauma with CC	\$28,608		
959	Other O.R. procedures for multiple significant trauma without CC/MCC	\$17,620		

HCPCS Codes

Codes	Description
Q4100*	Skin substitute, not otherwise specified (i.e., AlloMax [®] Surgical Graft)
C1781	Mesh (implantable) – (i.e., BD Synthetic Mesh, AlloMax [®] Surgical Graft, Phasix [®] Mesh, Phasix [®] ST Mesh, XenMatrix [®] Surgical Graft and XenMatrix [®] AB Surgical Graft)
L8699	Prosthetic implant, not otherwise specified (Ambulatory surgery center)

Modifiers

Codes	Description
JC	Skin substitute used as a graft
22	Increased procedural services
50	Bilateral procedure
51	Multiple procedures
59	Distinct procedural service

Revenue Codes

Codes	Description
272	Sterile supply
278	Other implant

CDT C	T Codec		2023 National Average Medicare Rates		
CPT C		Physician Professional Component	Outpatient Hospital APC Payment	Ambulatory Surgery Center APC	
CPT Codes	Description	component	Arcruyment	Payment	
	nt and removal Implantation of nonbiologic or synthetic implant (e.g., polypropylene) for fascial reinforcement of the abdominal		Dealers	Destroyed	
+0437T**	wall (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	MAC PRICED	Packaged	Packaged	
+11008	Removal of mesh in abdominal wall for infection (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) Implantation of biologic implant (e.g., acellular dermal matrix) for soft tissue reinforcement (e.g., breast, trunk)	\$267	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
+15777	(List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	\$211	Packaged	Packaged	
+49623	Removal of total or near total non-infected mesh or other prosthesis at the time of initial or recurrent anterior abdominal hernia repair or parastomal hernia repair, any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic)	\$194	Packaged	Packaged	
15778	Implantation of absorbable mesh or other prosthesis for delayed closure of defect(s) (ie, external genitalia, perineum, abdominal wall) due to soft tissue infection or trauma	\$378	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
Component	separation				
15734	Muscle, myocutaneous, or fasciocutaneous flap; trunk (note: report 15734 twice if procedure is bilateral)	\$1,480	\$3,253	\$1,694	
Diaphragm	atic hernia				
39540	Repair, diaphragmatic hernia (other than neonatal), traumatic, acute	\$851	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
39541	Repair, diaphragmatic hernia (other than neonatal), traumatic, chronic	\$918	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
Enterolysis					
44005	Enterolysis (freeing of intestinal adhesion) (separate procedure)	\$1,076	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
44180	Laparoscopy, surgical, enterolysis (freeing of intestinal adhesion) (separate procedure)	\$908	\$5,212	N/A	
Femoral he		¢ . 7 /	¢2.5.4.2	¢1.000	
49550	Repair initial femoral hernia, any age; reducible	\$574	\$3,542	\$1,666	
49553	Repair initial femoral hernia, any age; incarcerated or strangulated	\$628	\$3,542	\$1,666	
49555	Repair recurrent femoral hernia; reducible	\$601	\$3,542	\$1,666	
49557	Repair recurrent femoral hernial incarcerated or strangulated	\$717	\$3,542	\$1,666	
Inguinal he		¢540	¢2.5.(2	ta ccc	
49505	Repair initial inguinal hernia, age 5 years or older; reducible	\$519	\$3,542	\$1,666	
49507	Repair initial inguinal hernia, age 5 years or older; incarcerated or strangulated	\$584	\$3,542	\$1,666	
49520	Repair recurrent inguinal hernia, any age; reducible	\$628	\$3,542	\$1,666	
49521	Repair recurrent inguinal hernia, any age; incarcerated or strangulated	\$711	\$3,542	\$1,666	
49525	Repair inguinal hernia, sliding, any age	\$570	\$3,542	\$1,666	
Laparoscop	ic – inguinal hernia				
49650	Laparoscopy, surgical; repair initial inguinal hernia	\$430	\$5,212	\$2,499	
49651	Laparoscopy, surgical; repair recurrent inguinal hernia	\$561	\$5,212	\$2,499	
Lumbar her	niα				
49540	Repair lumbar hernia	\$674	\$5,212	\$2,499	
Parastomal	hernia repair				
44346	Revision of colostomy; with repair of paracolostomy hernia (separate procedure)	\$1,164	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
49621	Repair of parastomal hernia, any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), initial or recurrent, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed; reducible	\$731	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
49622	Repair of parastomal hernia, any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), initial or recurrent, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed; incarcerated or strangulated	\$902	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
TRAM or DI					
+15777	Implantation of biologic implant (e.g., acellular dermal matrix) for soft tissue reinforcement (e.g., breast, trunk) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	\$211	Packaged	Packaged	
Unlisted					
49659**	Unlisted laparoscopy procedure, hernioplasty, herniorrhaphy, herniotomy	MAC PRICED	\$5,212	N/A	
Wound irrigation					
97597	Debridement (eg, high pressure waterjet with/without suction, sharp selective debridement with scissors, scalpel and forceps), open wound, (eg, fibrin, devitalized epidermis and/or dermis, exudate, debris, biofilm), including topical application(s), wound assessment, use of a whirlpool, when performed and instruction(s) for ongoing care, per session, total wound(s) surface area; first 20 sq cm or less	\$35/ \$100	\$181	N/A	
+97598	Debridement (eg, high pressure waterjet with/without suction, sharp selective debridement with scissors, scalpel and forceps), open wound, (eg, fibrin, devitalized epidermis and/or dermis, exudate, debris, biofilm), including topical application(s), wound assessment, use of a whirlpool, when performed and instruction(s) for ongoing care, per session, total wound(s) surface area; each additional 20 sq cm, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	\$24/ \$44	Packaged	N/A	

			2023 National Average Medicare Rates		
CPT C	odes	Physician Professional	Outpatient Hospital	Ambulatory Surgery Center APC	
CPT Codes	Description	Component	APC Payment	Payment	
Paraesophag	eal hiatal hernia repair				
43332	Repair, paraesophageal hiatal hernia (including fundoplication), via laparotomy, except neonatal; without implantation of mesh or other prosthesis	\$1,128	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
43333	Repair, paraesophageal hiatal hernia (including fundoplication), via laparotomy, except neonatal; with implantation of mesh or other prosthesis	\$1,236	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
43334	Repair, paraesophageal hiatal hernia (including fundoplication), via thoracotomy, except neonatal; without implantation of mesh or other prosthesis	\$1,211	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
43335	Repair, paraesophageal hiatal hernia (including fundoplication), via thoracotomy, except neonatal; with implantation of mesh or other prosthesis	\$1,298	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
43336	Repair, paraesophageal hiatal hernia (including fundoplication), via thoracoabdominal incision, except neonatal; without implantation of mesh or other prosthesis	\$1,411	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
43337	Repair, paraesophageal hiatal hernia (including fundoplication), via thoracoabdominal incision, except neonatal; with implantation of mesh or other prosthesis	\$1,503	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
Laparoscopio	fundoplasty				
43280	Laparoscopy, surgical, esophagogastric fundoplasty (e.g., nissen, toupet procedures)	\$1,064	\$9,087	N/A	
43281	Laparoscopy, surgical, repair of paraesophageal hernia, includes fundoplasty, when performed; without implantation of mesh	\$1,513	\$9,087	N/A	
43282	Laparoscopy, surgical, repair of paraesophageal hernia, includes fundoplasty, when performed; with implantation of mesh	\$1,703	\$9,087	N/A	
+43283	Laparoscopy, surgical, esophageal lengthening procedure (e.g., collis gastroplasty or wedge gastroplasty) (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	\$154	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
Robotic					
S2900	Surgical techniques requiring use of robotic surgical system (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Not valid for Medi	icare		
2023 New αι	terior abdominal hernia repair coding				
49591	Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) (ie, epigastric, incisional, ventral, umbilical, spigelian), any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), initial, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis when performed, total length of defect(s); less than 3 cm, reducible	\$337	\$3,542	\$1,666	
49592	Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) (ie, epigastric, incisional, ventral, umbilical, spigelian), any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), initial, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis when performed, total length of defect(s); less than 3 cm, incarcerated or strangulated	\$469	\$5,212	\$2,499	
49593	Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) (ie, epigastric, incisional, ventral, umbilical, spigelian), any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), initial, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis when performed, total length of defect(s); 3 cm to 10 cm, reducible	\$565	\$3,542	\$1,666	
49594	Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) (ie, epigastric, incisional, ventral, umbilical, spigelian), any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), initial, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis when performed, total length of defect(s); 3 cm to 10 cm, incarcerated or strangulated	\$736	\$5,212	\$2,499	
49595	Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) (ie, epigastric, incisional, ventral, umbilical, spigelian), any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), initial, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis when performed, total length of defect(s); greater than 10 cm, reducible	\$759	\$3,542	\$1,666	
49596	Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) (ie, epigastric, incisional, ventral, umbilical, spigelian), any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), initial, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis when performed, total length of defect(s); greater than 10 cm, incarcerated or strangulated	\$1,008	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
49613	Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) (ie, epigastric, incisional, ventral, umbilical, spigelian), any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), recurrent, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis when performed, total length of defect(s); less than 3 cm, reducible	\$416	\$3,542	\$1,666	
49614	Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) (ie, epigastric, incisional, ventral, umbilical, spigelian), any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), recurrent, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis when performed, total length of defect(s); less than 3 cm, incarcerated or strangulated	\$563	\$5,212	\$2,499	
49615	Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) (ie, epigastric, incisional, ventral, umbilical, spigelian), any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), recurrent, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis when performed, total length of defect(s); 3 cm to 10 cm, reducible	\$630	\$3,542	\$1,666	
49616	Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) (ie, epigastric, incisional, ventral, umbilical, spigelian), any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), recurrent, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis when performed, total length of defect(s); 3 cm to 10 cm, incarcerated or strangulated	\$847	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
49617	Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) (ie, epigastric, incisional, ventral, umbilical, spigelian), any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), recurrent, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis when performed, total length of defect(s); greater than 10 cm, reducible	\$872	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	
49618	Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) (ie, epigastric, incisional, ventral, umbilical, spigelian), any approach (ie, open, laparoscopic, robotic), recurrent, including implantation of mesh or other prosthesis when performed, total length of defect(s); greater than 10 cm, incarcerated or strangulated	\$1,222	Inpatient Only	Inpatient Only	

^{**} CPT 49659 Physician status code is "C." C = carriers price the code. Carriers will establish RVUs and payment amounts for these services, generally on an individual case basis following review of documentation, such as, operative report.

ICD-10 Codes

Code	Description	
Right inguinal		
0YU507Z	Supplement right inguinal region with autologous tissue substitute, open approach	
0YU50JZ	Supplement right inguinal region with synthetic substitute, open approach	
OYU50KZ	Supplement right inguinal region with nonautologous tissue substitute, open approach	
0YU547Z	Supplement right inguinal region with autologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0YU54JZ	Supplement right inguinal region with synthetic substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0YU54KZ	Supplement right inguinal region with nonautologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
Left inguind	d la	
0YU607Z	Supplement left inguinal region with autologous tissue substitute, open approach	
0YU60JZ	Supplement left inguinal region with synthetic substitute, open approach	
0YU60KZ	Supplement left inguinal region with nonautologous tissue substitute, open approach	
0YU647Z	Supplement left inguinal region with autologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0YU64JZ	Supplement left inguinal region with synthetic substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0YU64KZ	Supplement left inguinal region with nonautologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
Bilateral ing	juinal	
0YUA07Z	Supplement bilateral inguinal region with autologous tissue substitute, open approach	
OYUA0JZ	Supplement bilateral inguinal region with synthetic substitute, open approach	
OYUA0KZ	Supplement bilateral inguinal region with nonautologous tissue substitute, open approach	
0YUA47Z	Supplement bilateral inguinal region with autologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0YUA4JZ	Supplement bilateral inguinal region with synthetic substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0YUA4KZ	Supplement bilateral inguinal region with nonautologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
Right femor	al	
0YU707Z	Supplement right femoral region with autologous tissue substitute, open approach	
0YU70JZ	Supplement right femoral region with synthetic substitute, open approach	
0YU70KZ	Supplement right femoral region with nonautologous tissue substitute, open approach	
0YU747Z	Supplement right femoral region with autologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0YU74JZ	Supplement right femoral region with synthetic substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0YU74KZ	Supplement right femoral region with nonautologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
Left femoral		
0YU807Z	Supplement left femoral region with autologous tissue substitute, open approach	
0YU80JZ	Supplement left femoral region with synthetic substitute, open approach	
0YU80KZ	Supplement left femoral region with nonautologous tissue substitute, open approach	
0YU847Z	Supplement left femoral region with autologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0YU84JZ	Supplement left femoral region with synthetic substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0YU84KZ	Supplement left femoral region with nonautologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	

ICD-10 Codes

Bilateral femoral		
OYUE07Z	Supplement bilateral femoral region with autologous tissue substitute, open approach	
OYUE0JZ	Supplement bilateral femoral region with synthetic substitute, open approach	
OYUE0KZ	Supplement bilateral femoral region with nonautologous tissue substitute, open approach	
OYUE47Z	Supplement bilateral femoral region with autologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0YUE4JZ	Supplement bilateral femoral region with synthetic substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0YUE4KZ	Supplement bilateral femoral region with nonautologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
Hernia proc	edures except inguinal and femoral	
OWUF07Z	Supplement abdominal wall with autologous tissue substitute, open approach	
0WUF0JZ	Supplement abdominal wall with synthetic substitute, open approach	
0WUF0KZ	Supplement abdominal wall with nonautologous tissue substitute, open approach	
0WUF47Z	Supplement abdominal wall with autologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0WUF4JZ	Supplement abdominal wall with synthetic substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0WUF4KZ	Supplement abdominal wall with nonautologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
Component	separation	
0KNKOZZ	Release right abdomen muscle, open approach	
OKNLOZZ	Release left abdomen muscle, open approach	
OKNK4ZZ	Release right abdomen muscle, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
0KNL4ZZ	Release left abdomen muscle, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
Restriction of	of esophagogastric junction	
0DV44ZZ	Restriction of esophagogastric junction, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
Repair abdo	minal wall stoma	
0WQFXZ2	Repair abdominal wall, stoma, external approach	
Diaphragmo	atic repair	
OBUR07Z	Supplement right diaphragm with autologous tissue substitute, open approach	
OBUROJZ	Supplement right diaphragm with synthetic substitute, open approach	
OBUROKZ	Supplement right diaphragm with nonautologous tissue substitute, open approach	
OBUR47Z	Supplement right diaphragm with autologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
OBUR4JZ	Supplement right diaphragm with synthetic substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
OBUR4KZ	Supplement right diaphragm with nonautologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
OBUSO7Z	Supplement left diaphragm with autologous tissue substitute, open approach	
OBUSOJZ	Supplement left diaphragm with synthetic substitute, open approach	
OBUSOKZ	Supplement left diaphragm with nonautologous tissue substitute, open approach	
OBUS47Z	Supplement left diaphragm with autologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
OBUS4JZ	Supplement left diaphragm with synthetic substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	
OBUS4KZ	Supplement left diaphragm with nonautologous tissue substitute, percutaneous endoscopic approach	

This is not a comprehensive list of codes. Coding constantly changes so please reference the AMA and CMS websites www.cms.gov; www.ama-assn.org and your local providers for additional information.

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