



### Is it a minor or major procedure?

- CPT doesn't define minor or major
- CMS assigns global days to procedures in the Medicare Fee Schedule
  - 0-10 minor procedure
  - 90 major procedure

This video discusses evaluation before a major procedure

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# Medicare Fee Schedule

Procedures with a global period include an indicator for global days

- 0, 10 minor procedures
- 90 major procedure
- XXX the global concept does not apply
- YYY service is priced by the individual Medicare contractor
- ZZZ add-on code to surgical code



# A major procedure includes

All E/M services the day of and the day before a major procedure

Unless

• It is the visit at which the decision for surgery was made

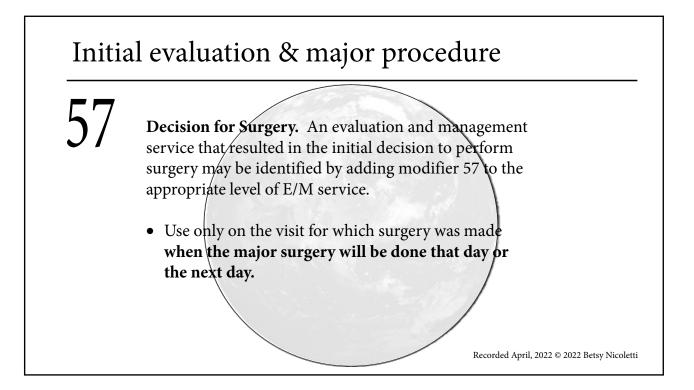
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# Scheduled from the office

See a patient in the office, and schedule the patient for surgery anytime but today or tomorrow:

No modifier is needed





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- Use when an urgent surgery is scheduled
- Calendar day, not 24 hour period
- Bypasses claims editing system
- Both procedure and E/M should be paid at full fee

## Can you get paid?

Yes, you should always get paid for the evaluation before a major procedure

#### Denials:

- Appeal
- Talk to medical director of insurance company
- Talk to your specialty society
- State insurance commissioner

