

CAN I GET PAID FOR REMOVING STITCHES DONE IN THE ED?



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Laceration repair

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- Laceration repairs are coded as simple, intermediate and complex
- Simple repair has a 0 day global period
- Intermediate repair and complex repair have 10 day global periods

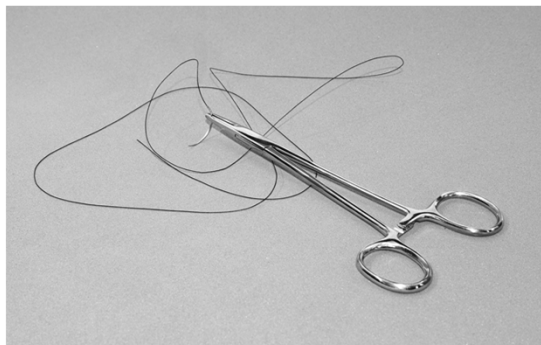
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If you did the repair, removing the stitches on an intermediate or complex repair is included in the payment, and is not separately billed



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Suture removal when you did not do the repair

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- Remember, physicians in a group of the same specialty must bill and be paid as if they were one physician
- A practice can bill for suture removal with an E/M service that reflects the level of medical decision making or practitioner time

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Yes, you can be paid

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- For suture removal after a laceration repair done in the Emergency Department

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