

## Surgery categories

### NHSN surgery codes

Reference: NHSN operative procedure category mappings to ICD-9-CM codes, October 2010. Available from: [www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/9pscSSIcurrent.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/9pscSSIcurrent.pdf).

NHSN code	Operative procedure	Description	ICD-9-CM Codes
NHSN-AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm repair	Resection of abdominal aorta with anastomosis or replacement	38.34, 38.44, 38.64
NHSN-AMP	Limb amputation	Total or partial amputation or disarticulation of the upper or lower limbs, including digits	84.00-84.19, 84.91
NHSN-APPY	Appendix surgery	Operation of appendix (not incidental to another procedure)	47.01, 47.09, 47.2, 47.91, 47.92, 47.99
NHSN-AVSD	Shunt for dialysis	Arteriovenostomy for renal dialysis	39.27, 39.42
NHSN-BILI	Bile duct, liver or pancreatic surgery	Excision of bile ducts or operative procedures on the biliary tract, liver or pancreas (does not include operations only on gallbladder)	50.0, 50.12, 50.14, 50.21-50.23, 50.25, 50.26, 50.29, 50.3, 50.4, 50.61, 50.69, 51.31-51.37, 51.39, 51.41-51.43, 51.49, 51.51, 51.59, 51.61-51.63, 51.69, 51.71, 51.72, 51.79, 51.81-51.83, 51.89, 51.91-51.95, 51.99, 52.09, 52.12, 52.22, 52.3, 52.4, 52.51-52.53, 52.59-52.6, 52.7, 52.92, 52.95, 52.96, 52.99
NHSN-BRST	Breast surgery	Excision of lesion or tissue of breast including radical, modified, or quadrant resection, lumpectomy, incisional biopsy, or mammoplasty.	85.12, 85.20-85.23, 85.31-85.36, 85.41-85.48, 85.50, 85.53, 85.54, 85.6, 85.70-85.76, 85.79, 85.93, 85.96
NHSN-CARD	Cardiac surgery	Procedures on the valves or septum of heart; does not include coronary artery bypass graft, surgery on vessels, heart transplantation, or pacemaker implantation	35.00 - 35.04, 35.10-35.14, 35.20-35.28, 35.31-35.35, 35.39, 35.42, 35.50, 35.51, 35.53, 35.54, 35.60-35.63, 35.70-35.73, 35.81-35.84, 35.91-35.95, 35.98-35.99, 37.10, 37.11, 37.24, 37.31-37.33, 37.35, 37.36, 37.41, 37.49, 37.60
NHSN-CEA	Carotid endarterectomy	Endarterectomy on vessels of head and neck (includes carotid artery and jugular vein)	38.12
NHSN-CBGB	Coronary artery bypass graft with both chest and donor site incisions	Chest procedure to perform direct revascularisation of the heart; includes obtaining suitable vein from donor site for grafting.	36.10-36.14, 36.19
NHSN-CBGC	Coronary artery bypass graft with chest incision only	Chest procedure to perform direct vascularisation of the heart using, for example the internal mammary (thoracic) artery	36.15-36.17, 36.2
NHSN-CHOL	Gallbladder surgery	Cholecystectomy and cholecystotomy	51.03, 51.04, 51.13, 51.21-51.24
NHSN-COLO	Colon surgery	Incision, resection, or anastomosis of the large intestine; includes large-to-small and small-to-large bowel anastomosis; does not include rectal operations	17.31-17.36, 17.39, 45.03, 45.26, 45.41, 45.49, 45.52, 45.71-45.76, 45.79, 45.81-45.83, 45.92-45.95, 46.03, 46.04, 46.10, 46.11, 46.13, 46.14, 46.43, 46.52, 46.75, 46.76, 46.94
NHSN-CRAN	Craniotomy	Incision through the skull to excise, repair, or explore the brain; does not include taps or punctures	01.12, 01.14, 01.21-01.25, 01.28, 01.31, 01.32, 01.39, 01.41, 01.42, 01.51-01.53, 01.59, 02.11-02.14, 02.91-02.93, 07.51-07.54, 07.59, 07.61-07.65, 07.68, 07.69, 07.71, 07.72, 07.79, 38.01, 38.11, 38.31, 38.41, 38.51, 38.61, 38.81, 39.28
NHSN-CSEC	Cesarean section	Obstetrical delivery by Cesarean section	74.0, 74.1, 74.2, 74.4, 74.91, 74.99
NHSN-FUSN	Spinal fusion	Immobilisation of spinal column	81.00-81.08

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NHSN-FX	Open reduction of fracture	Open reduction of fracture or dislocation of long bones that requires internal or external fixation; does not include placement of joint prosthesis	79.21, 79.22, 79.25, 79.26, 79.31, 79.32, 79.35, 79.36, 79.51, 79.52, 79.55, 79.56
NHSN-GAST	Gastric surgery	Incision or excision of stomach; includes subtotal or total gastrectomy; does not include vagotomy and fundoplication	43.0, 43.42, 43.49, 43.5, 43.6, 43.7, 43.81, 43.89, 43.91, 43.99, 44.15, 44.21, 44.29, 44.31, 44.38 - 44.42, 44.49, 44.5, 44.61-44.65, 44.68-44.69, 44.95-44.98
NHSN-HER	Herniorrhaphy	Repair of inguinal, femoral, umbilical, or anterior abdominal wall hernia; does not include repair of diaphragmatic or hiatal hernia or hernias at other body sites.	17.11-17.13, 17.21-17.24, 53.00 - 53.05, 53.10-53.17, 53.21, 53.29, 53.31, 53.39, 53.41-53.43, 53.49, 53.51, 53.59, 53.61-53.63, 53.69
NHSN-HPRO	Hip prosthesis	Arthroplasty of hip	00.70-00.73, 00.85-00.87, 81.51 - 81.53
NHSN-HTP	Heart transplant	Transplantation of heart	37.51-37.55
NHSN-HYST	Abdominal hysterectomy	Removal of uterus through an abdominal incision	68.31, 68.39, 68.41, 68.49, 68.61, 68.69
NHSN-KPRO	Knee prosthesis	Arthroplasty of knee	00.80-00.84, 81.54, 81.55
NHSN-KTP	Kidney transplant	Transplantation of kidney	55.61, 55.69
NHSN-LAM	Laminectomy	Exploration or decompression of spinal cord through excision or incision into vertebral structures	03.01, 03.02, 03.09, 80.50, 80.51, 80.53, 80.54, 80.59, 84.60-84.69, 84.80-84.85
NHSN-LTP	Liver transplant	Transplantation of liver	50.51, 50.59
NHSN-NECK	Neck surgery	Major excision or incision of the larynx and radical neck dissection; does not include thyroid and parathyroid operations.	30.1, 30.21, 30.22, 30.29, 30.3, 30.4, 31.45, 40.40-40.42
NHSN-NEPH	Kidney surgery	Resection or manipulation of the kidney with or without removal of related structures	55.01-55.02, 55.11, 55.12, 55.24, 55.31, 55.32, 55.34, 55.35, 55.39, 55.4, 55.51, 55.52, 55.54, 55.91
NHSN-OVRY	Ovarian surgery	Operations on ovary and related structures	65.01, 65.09, 65.12, 65.13, 65.2165.25, 65.29, 65.31, 65.39, 65.41, 65.49, 65.51-65.54, 65.61-65.64, 65.71-65.76, 65.79, 65.81, 65.89, 65.92-65.95, 65.99
NHSN-PACE	Pacemaker surgery	Insertion, manipulation or replacement of pacemaker	00.50-00.54, 17.51, 17.52, 37.7037.77, 37.79-37.83, 37.85-37.87, 37.89, 37.94-37.99
NHSN-PRST	Prostate surgery	Suprapubic, retropubic, radical, or perineal excision of the prostate; does not include transurethral resection of the prostate.	60.12, 60.3, 60.4, 60.5, 60.61, 60.62, 60.69
NHSN-PVBY	Peripheral vascular bypass surgery	Bypass operations on peripheral arteries	39.29
NHSN-REC	Rectal surgery	Operations on rectum	48.25, 48.35, 48.40, 48.42, 48.43, 48.49-48.52, 48.59, 48.61-48.65, 48.69, 48.74
NHSN-RFUSN	Refusion of spine	Refusion of spine	81.30-81.39
NHSN-SB	Small bowel surgery	Incision or resection of the small intestine; does not include small-to-large bowel anastomosis.	45.01, 45.02, 45.15, 45.31-45.34, 45.51, 45.61-45.63, 45.91, 46.01, 46.02, 46.20-46.24, 46.31, 46.39, 46.41, 46.51, 46.71-46.74, 46.93
NHSN-SPLE	Spleen surgery	Resection or manipulation of spleen	41.2, 41.33, 41.41-41.43, 41.5, 41.93, 41.95, 41.99
NHSN-THOR	Thoracic surgery	Noncardiac, nonvascular thoracic surgery; includes pneumonectomy and diaphragmatic or hiatal hernia repair.	32.09, 32.1, 32.20, 32.21-32.23, 32.25, 32.26, 32.29, 32.30, 32.39, 32.41, 32.49, 32.50, 32.59, 32.6, 32.9, 33.0, 33.1, 33.20, 33.25, 33.28, 33.31-33.34, 33.39, 33.41 - 33.43, 33.48, 33.49, 33.98, 33.99, 34.01-34.03, 34.06, 34.1, 34.20, 34.26, 34.3, 34.4, 34.51, 34.52, 34.59, 34.6, 34.81-34.84, 34.89, 34.93, 34.99, 53.80-53.84

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NHSN-THYR	Thyroid and/or parathyroid surgery	Resection or manipulation of thyroid and/or parathyroid	06.02, 06.09, 06.12, 06.2, 06.31, 06.39, 06.4, 06.50-06.52, 06.6, 06.7, 06.81, 06.89, 06.91-06.95, 06.98, 06.99
NHSN-VHYS	Vaginal hysterectomy	Vaginal hysterectomy; includes that by laparoscope	68.51, 68.59, 68.71, 68.79
NHSN-VSHN	Ventricular shunt	Ventricular shunt operations, including revision and removal of shunt	02.2, 02.31-02.35, 02.39, 02.42, 02.43, 54.95
NHSN-XLAP	Exploratory laparotomy	Procedures involving an incision through abdominal wall to gain access into the abdominal cavity; diagnostic procedure on abdominal region	53.71-53.72, 53.75, 54.0, 54.11, 54.12, 54.19, 54.3, 54.4, 54.51, 54.59, 54.61, 54.63, 54.64, 54.71-54.75, 54.92, 54.93

Report NHSN-codes even if the incision is not entirely closed at procedure's end (i.e. if wires or tubes extrude through the incision).

## Examples of non-NHSN surgery

- Obstetrical procedures: peri-delivery/labour (one or more) ICD-9-CM 75.3 and 75.9.
- Dental extraction: ICD-9-CM code 23.1 Surgical removal.
- Transurethral resection of prostate
- Incision and drainage of abscess with secondary closure
- Any diabetic forefoot amputation with healing by secondary intention
- Any other operation where healing is by secondary intention
- Tonsillectomy
- Application of external fixator/Olizarov
- Extraventricular drain
- Hysteroscopic removal of fibroids: Evacuation of retained products of conception