

Surgical Suffixes

Introduction

The following suffixes are some of the more common endings for surgical procedures. If you receive a claim for a procedure that ends with one of these suffixes, check to see if it requires preauthorization.

Suffixes

Suffix	Description
...centesis	Puncture for aspiration of fluids or injection of medicine
...desis	Surgical fusion of a joint
..ectomy	Removal or resection; cutting out of
...ography	Picture of; radiography procedure
...oma	Tumor
...orrhapy	Suturing of; repair
...oscopy	Cutting into and making an artificial opening
...ostomosis / ...ostomy	To furnish with an opening (e.g., colostomy)
...otomy	Incision into