

# 2022 Fixation Device Reimbursement Guide (ETHICON SECURESTRAP® Open Absorbable Strap Fixation Device)

The ETHICON SECURESTRAP® Open Absorbable Strap Fixation Device is intended for fixation of prosthetic material to soft tissue in open surgical procedures, such as hernia repairs.

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## Finding the appropriate ICD-10-PCS Code<sup>1</sup>

STEP 1: Using the table below, select the appropriate codes from each column in the respective order.

Procedure Code	Body Part	Approach	Device	Qualifier
0WU: General Anatomical Region Supplement	F Abdominal Wall	0 Open	7 Autologous Tissue Substitute J Synthetic Substitute K Nonautologous Tissue Substitute	Z No Qualifier
0WQ: General Anatomical Region Repair	F Abdominal Wall	0 Open	Z No Device	Z No Qualifier

STEP 2: Combine the code in the respective order from left to right. This is your ICD-10-PCS Code.

For example, the code for General Anatomical Region Abdominal Wall Supplement Open Approach (0WUF0JZ) would be created in the steps below:

Example: STEP 1: Procedure Code 0WU + Body Part F + Approach 0 + Device J + Qualifier Z = STEP 2: 0WUF0JZ

## Coding & Payment

While open hernia repairs are currently performed in the outpatient and inpatient setting, hernia repairs using ETHICON SECURESTRAP® Open Absorbable Strap Fixation Device are performed in the inpatient setting on abdominal wall and hernia repair patients. There are several CPT codes for hernia repair which describe applicable techniques.

To comply with Medicare and third-party payor requirements, claim forms must indicate the most appropriate ICD-10 procedure(s) and diagnosis(s) applicable. Abdominal hernia repair procedures are assigned to the above Medicare ICD-10 procedure codes for inpatient settings:

## Surgeon CPT, DRG & HCPCS Codes

### Open Procedures

Surgeon CPT Code <sup>2</sup>	PROCEDURE	NATIONAL AVERAGE MEDICARE PAYMENT <sup>3</sup>
49560	Repair initial incisional or ventral hernia; reducible	\$ 763
49561	Repair initial incisional or ventral hernia; incarcerated or strangulated	\$ 960
49565	Repair recurrent incisional or ventral hernia; reducible	\$ 794
49566	Repair recurrent incisional or ventral hernia; incarcerated or strangulated	\$ 968
49568	Implantation of mesh or other prosthesis for open incisional or ventral hernia repair or mesh for closure of debridement for necrotizing soft tissue infection (List separately in addition to code for the incisional or ventral hernia repair)	\$ 273

# Surgeon CPT, DRG & HCPCS Codes (continued)

## Hospital (Facility) Overview for Incisional and Ventral Hernia

Medicare reimburses inpatient hospital services based on the DRG associated with the principal diagnosis and procedures. Private payor reimbursement varies and is typically based on the contract negotiated between the provider and payor.

### INPATIENT FACILITY

DRG	DESCRIPTION*	AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS) <sup>2</sup>	NATIONAL AVERAGE DRG PAYMENT <sup>4</sup>
353	Hernia repairs except inguinal and femoral with MCC	5.9	\$ 19,947
354	Hernia repairs except inguinal and femoral with CC	3.6	\$ 11,770
355	Hernia repairs except inguinal and femoral without CC/MCC	2.4	\$ 8,970

\*CC stands for Complications and Comorbidities while MCC refers to Major Complications and Comorbidities. These are a measure of the severity of an illness indicating additional diagnoses present on a case that MAY increase the expected resource consumption beyond that of the same case without a CC or MCC under the current Medicare definition. Whether a complication or comorbidity is classified as a CC or MCC is defined by Medicare.

### HCPCS CODE<sup>5</sup>

C1781	Mesh (Implantable)	Mesh Implant Carrier Priced
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HCPCS is the acronym for the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System. These codes are frequently used to report supplies and services that are not assigned a Level II CPT code. In some instances, private payor and/or Medicare may provide additional reimbursement for some HCPCS codes. Facilities may use them to track device costs on the facility charge master or super bill. Currently there is no additional reimbursement for ETHICON SECURESTRAP® Open Absorbable Strap Fixation Device as it is considered packaged and not separately reimbursable. However, coding guidelines indicate that the mesh code and the appropriate procedure code should be reported.

## Coverage

Hernia Repair procedures performed with the ETHICON SECURESTRAP® Open Absorbable Strap Fixation Device are covered for patients who meet the criteria dictated within each payor's policy. However, it is important to review a payor's policy requirements annually to ensure no modifications or additional requirements must be met for coverage. Providers may experience denial of claims if the prerequisites are not met in their entirety.

### OUTPATIENT FACILITY

#### Hospital Outpatient Department

APC	APC DESCRIPTION	STATUS INDICATOR	NATIONAL AVERAGE MEDICARE PAYMENT <sup>6</sup>
5341	Abdominal/Peritoneal/Biliary & Related Procedures (CPT Codes: 49560, 49561)	J1	\$ 3,249
5361	Level 1 Laparoscopy & Related Services (CPT Codes: 49565, 49566)	J1	\$ 5,168

#### Ambulatory Surgery Center

CPT	CPT DESCRIPTION	NATIONAL AVERAGE MEDICARE PAYMENT <sup>6</sup>
49560	Repair initial incisional or ventral hernia; reducible	\$ 1,441
49561	Repair initial incisional or ventral hernia; incarcerated or strangulated	\$ 1,441
49565	Repair recurrent incisional or ventral hernia; reducible	\$ 2,363
49566	Repair recurrent incisional or ventral hernia; incarcerated or strangulated	\$ 2,363

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