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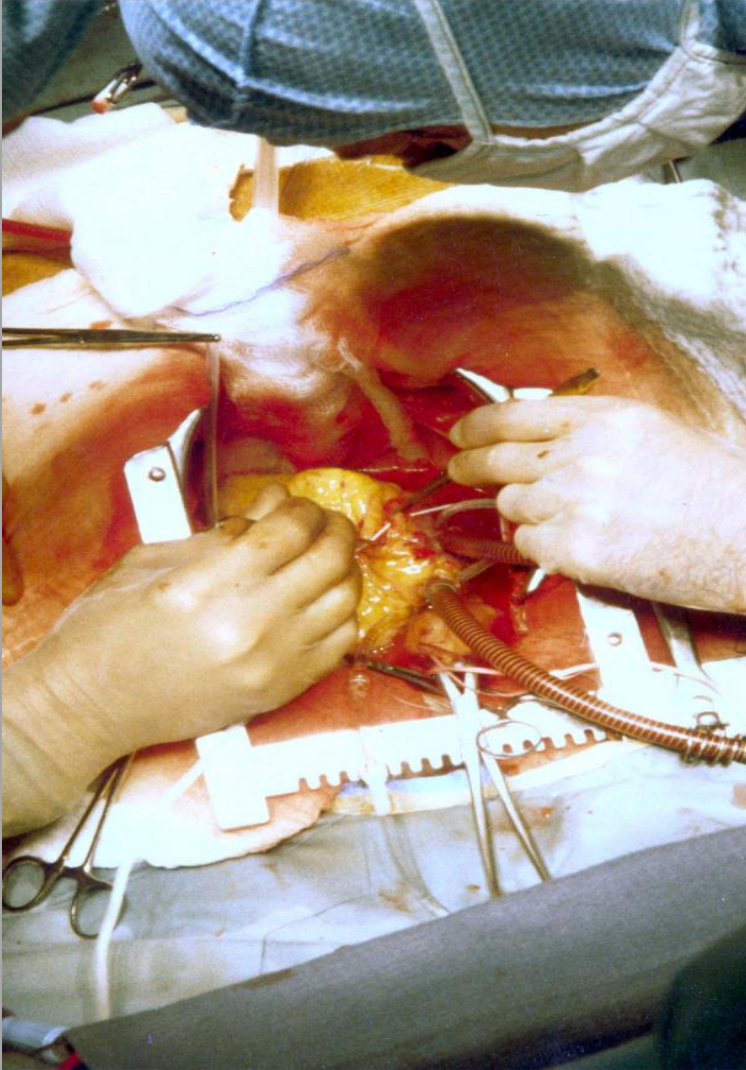
Request to move lap inguinal hernia & appendectomy
procedures to APC 5342

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Additional context

- Overview CPT coding for robotic assistance
 - Review 2023 coding changes for abdominal hernia repair
 - Illustrate resource utilization, clinical similarity and impact as part of the request
 - Garner agreement for re-assignment of 3 procedure codes from APC 5361 to APC 5342
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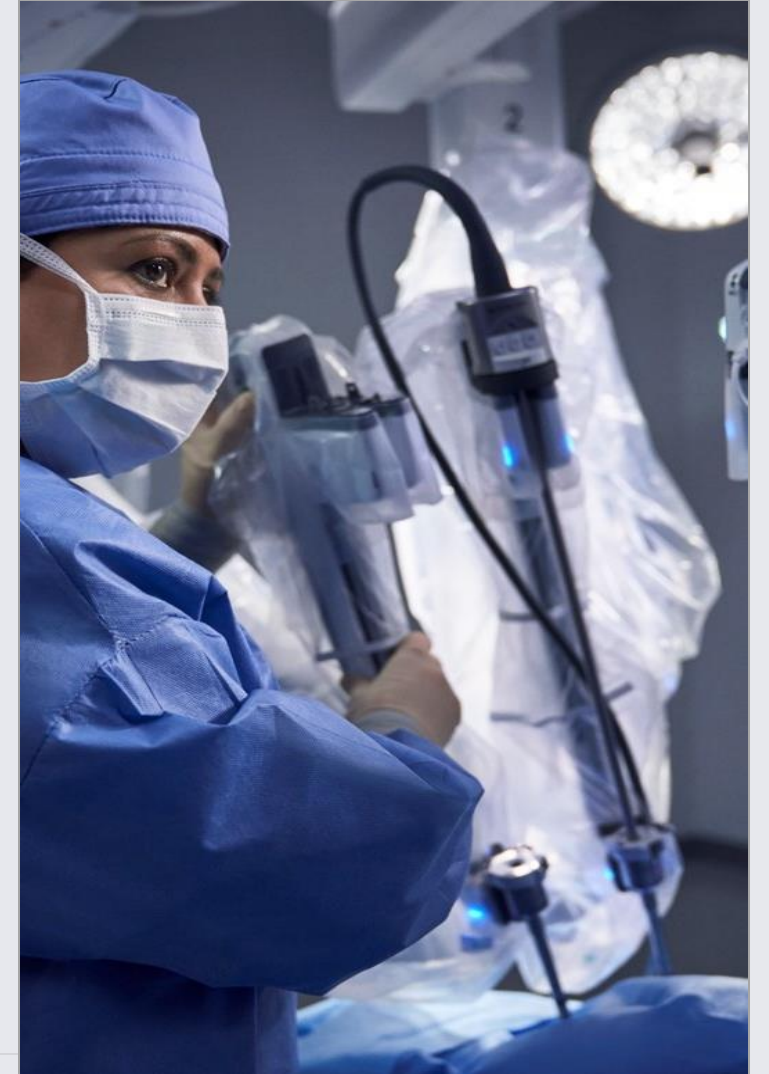
Open
surgery



Laparoscopic
surgery



Robotic assisted
surgery



Some context

Surgical approaches include open and laparoscopic

2007

AMA decision to not create a separate code set for robotic assisted surgery

- New and updated codes state “includes robotic assistance when performed” in the description
- Example: *Laparoscopy, surgical prostatectomy, simple subtotal, includes robotic assistance when performed.*

2023

Anterior abdominal hernia repair codes updated

- 12 new CPT codes sorted by size and feature (incarcerated/strangulated or reducible)
- Every code description includes ALL surgical approaches (Open, Lap, Robotic)
- Codes were assigned to 2 APCs : APC 5341 (Open abdominal procedures) and APC 5361 (laparoscopic procedures)

- Key takeaway: For soft tissue surgery, APCs were originally created based on surgical approach (open vs lap) now include all approaches

APC 5342 was created in 2024

Procedures with similar resource utilization have been reassigned from APC 5341 to APC 5342

2024

APC 5361: Lap level 1

\$5503

Lap inguinal hernia

Lap appendectomy

**Abdominal hernia repair - all
approaches**

APC 5341: Abdominal level 1

\$3300

Open initial inguinal hernia

**Abdominal hernia repair - all
approaches**

APC 5342: Abdominal level 2

\$7216

Open recurrent inguinal hernia

Open appendectomy

2025

APC 5361: Lap level 1

\$5834

Lap inguinal hernia

Lap appendectomy

**Abdominal hernia repair - all
approaches**

APC 5341: Abdominal level 1

\$3529

Open initial inguinal hernia

**Abdominal hernia repair - all
approaches**

APC 5342: Abdominal level 2

\$6240

Open recurrent inguinal hernia

Open appendectomy

**Abdominal hernia repair - all
approaches**

Proposed 2026 placements

Based upon clinical similarity and resource utilization

CPT	Short Description	FY25 APC	FY 25 payment	FY26 GMC	FY26 SF volume	Proposed FY26 APC	Proposed payment
Existing Inguinal Hernia procedures in APC 5342							
49500	Open repair, initial inguinal hernia, 6 mos or younger	5342	\$6240	\$5334	1	5342	\$6667
49521	Open repair recurrent inguinal hernia, any age	5342	\$6240	\$4910	713	5342	
Proposed: LAP Inguinal Hernia additions to APC 5342							
49650	Laparoscopy, surgical; repair initial inguinal hernia	5361	\$5834	\$7050	44,753	5342	\$6667
49651	Laparoscopy, surgical; repair recurrent inguinal hernia	5361	\$5834	\$7173	4,620	5342	
Existing Appendectomy procedures in APC 5342							
44950	Appendectomy	5342	\$6240	\$7,108	85	5342	\$6667
Proposed: LAP Appendectomy procedure to APC 5342							
44970	Laparoscopy, surgical; appendectomy	5361	\$5834	\$6,777	9631	5342	\$6667

Impact of adding procedures to APC 5342

FY 2026 payment \$6229

CPT	Descriptor	SF volume	GMC
44950	Open appendectomy	85	\$7108
47541	Placemt access bil tree sm bwl	15	\$10,228
47552	Biliary endo perq dx w/speci	11	\$10,228
47553	Biliary endoscopy thru skin	17	\$10,359
49010	Exploration behind abdomen	9	\$5653
49255	Removal of omentum	14	\$7773
49500	Repair ing hernia init reduce (open approach)	1	\$5334
49521	Repair ing hernia blocked (open approach)	713	\$4910
49593	Repair aa hern 1 st 3-10 rdc	10,116	\$6519
49595	Repair aa hern 1 st >10 rdc	1609	\$9432
49615	Repair aa hern rcr 3-10 rdc	1484	\$7053
55535	Revise spermatic cord veins	7	\$4012
49650	Laparoscopy, surgical; repr initl inguinal hernia	44,753	\$7050
49651	Laparoscopy, surgical; repr recur inguinal hernia	7	\$7173
44970	Laparoscopy, surgical; appendectomy	9631	\$6777

Allocation of Procedures by APC / Volume:

APC 5361: 80 CPT codes, 100,640 SF procedures

APC 5341: 36 CPT codes, 55,089 SF procedures

With code additions- APC 5342: 15 CPT codes, 73,085 SF procedures