

Pre-Operative Visit Scenarios

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Scenario	CPT/ICD-10-CM Code(s)
<p>We are starting to reschedule elective surgeries. We will have the patient come in for another preoperative visit with the surgeon because the hospital requires an updated H&P. We will also do a nasal swab test and send the specimen to the lab. The lab will bill for the testing.</p>	<p>CPT: E/M code for the visit. This is billable since the patient's surgery was rescheduled due to the pandemic and needs to be seen for a COVID swab prior to surgery. This is considered a health status change which is an indication for charging an E/M code for the visit. No separate code for obtaining swab sample.</p> <p>ICD-10-CM: Z20.828 Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases</p>
<p>Patient came in for preoperative visit and is experiencing upper respiratory symptoms. Nasal swab test</p>	<p>CPT: E/M code for the visit. This is billable since the patient's surgery was rescheduled due to the pandemic and needs to be seen for a COVID swab prior to surgery. This is considered a health status change which is an indication for charging an E/M code for the visit. No separate code for obtaining the swab sample.</p> <p>ICD-10-CM: 1) Diagnosis code for the acute condition J06.9 Acute upper respiratory infection, unspecified 2) Z20.828 Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases</p>
<p>Patient had testing elsewhere and is negative. Returns for preoperative visit as surgery is now rescheduled and the hospital requires a new H&P.</p>	<p>CPT: E/M code for the visit. This is billable since the patient's surgery was rescheduled due to the pandemic and needs to be seen for a COVID swab prior to surgery. This is considered a health status change which is an indication for charging an E/M code for the visit.</p> <p>ICD-10-CM: 1) Diagnosis code for the surgical condition. 2) Z03.818 Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out</p>