

Surgical Global Period Comparison

Ambulatory Surgical Center

- ▶ Global period or "Post-Operative" period is 24 hours. Time starts at the beginning of surgery.
- ▶ Global or post-operative period may vary from payor to payor. Some payer guidance reflects a 48-72 hour period.

Physician Surgery Global Period

- ▶ 0-10 Days- Minor Surgery
- ▶ 60-90 Days- Major Surgery
- ▶ Based upon CPT code (i.e., classification, RVU \$)
- ▶ Global period starts once "Decision for Surgery" has been established typically the day before surgery is performed.

Non-covered Procedures in ASC

- ▶ Procedures resulting in extensive blood loss.
- ▶ Life threatening or of emergent nature
- ▶ Requires systemic thrombolytic therapy
- ▶ Procedures not recognized for payments to hospital under Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)
- ▶ Complicated unlisted surgery codes for Medicare patients should be declined. Refer to hospital at time of request/scheduling.
- ▶ Procedures that can only be reported with unlisted surgical CPT code.

