



## Premium Specialty: General Surgery

Credentialed Specialties include: Colon and Rectal Surgery; Proctology; Surgery; Surgery Abdominal  
Patient Episode Cost

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We evaluate physicians in the general surgery Premium specialty using the patient episode cost measurement with the following procedure-based episodes listed in the chart below.

Attribution methods determine which physicians and groups are responsible for care given to patients. General surgery uses rendering attribution. The physician who performed the primary procedure is attributed the episode. Performing the primary procedure constitutes significant involvement and therefore, no cost percentage threshold is applied.

Please view the Attribution Methods document to learn more.

Gastroenterology/Hepatology/Endoscopy/Hematology Procedure-Based Episodes	Claims Grouping Timeframe	
	Days Before	Days After
Appendectomy	0	30
Cholecystectomy	0	42
Colonoscopy - Diagnostic	5	10
Colonoscopy with Treatment	14	30
Incisional or Ventral Hernia Repair	14	42
Inguinal Hernia Repair	14	30
Lower GI Removal	14	42
Umbilical Hernia Repair	14	30

### General Exclusions:

- Procedure-based episodes with a diagnosis code included on the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Trauma Diagnosis Code list (except meniscus tears)
- Procedure-based episodes that are a redo of a prior surgical procedure
- Procedure-based episodes that include services that are grouped to a cancer-related condition-based episode

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