

## Premium Specialty: Urology

Credentialed Specialties include: Urology

### Patient Episode Cost

Use this document with the UnitedHealth Premium® Program Methodology document at [UnitedHealthPremium.UHC.com](http://UnitedHealthPremium.UHC.com). Please review all of the methodology documents to understand the entire Premium methodology.

We evaluate physicians in the urology Premium specialty using the patient episode cost measurement with the condition-based and procedure-based episodes listed in the following chart.

Attribution methods determine which physicians and groups are responsible for care given to patients. Please view the Attribution Methods document to learn more.

Patient episode cost measurement for urology uses the cost-attribution method for condition-based episodes and the rendering-attribution method for procedure-based episodes.

- **Cost:** The physician who was responsible for generating the highest percentage of services, based on normalized cost, in the episode. To make sure there was significant involvement, the attributed physician must be responsible for at least 50% of the normalized cost of the episode.
- **Rendering:** The physician who performed the primary procedure. Performing the primary procedure constitutes significant involvement and therefore no cost percentage threshold is applied.

For procedure-based episodes, once an anchor procedure is identified, non-anchor claims from related episode treatment groups and “target” procedures that are clinically related to the anchor procedure, are grouped to each episode within the Claims Grouping Timeframe noted below. Please view the Patient Episode Cost document to learn more.

### Endocrinology Condition-Based Episodes

Male Sex Gland Disorders\*

### Preventive & Administrative Condition-Based Episodes

Conditional Exam

Routine Exam

### Urology Condition-Based Episodes

Infection of Lower Genitourinary System, Not Sexually Transmitted

Infection of Upper Genitourinary System

Inflammation of Genitourinary System, except Kidney Stones

Kidney Stones

Malignant Neoplasm of Genitourinary System, except Prostate

Malignant Neoplasm of Prostate

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Genitourinary System, except Prostate

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Prostate

Urinary Incontinence

Urological Diseases Signs & Symptoms

\* Episodes for these conditions are excluded from patient episode cost measurement for patients whose pharmacy cost data isn't available.

Urology Procedure-Based Episodes	Claims Grouping Timeframe	
	Days Before	Days After
Cystourethroscopy with Calculi Removal	0	30
Cystourethroscopy with Stricture	0	30
Laser Coagulation	7	30
Lithotripsy	0	7
Stress Incontinence Repair	14	42
Transurethral Resection of Prostate	7	30
Vasectomy	30	60

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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