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## Description/Scope

This document describes the cosmetic, reconstructive, and medically necessary uses of a selection of procedures addressing the treatment of abnormalities of the head and neck.

**Note:** Please see the following documents for additional information:

- ANC.00007 Cosmetic and Reconstructive Services: Skin Related
- CG-SURG-03 Blepharoplasty, Blepharoptosis Repair, and Brow Lift
- CG-SURG-27 Gender Reassignment Surgery
- SURG.00096 Surgical and Ablative Treatments for Chronic Headaches

**Note:**

- This document does not address septoplasty alone. Please refer to CG-SURG-18 Septoplasty for additional information.
- This document does not address surgical procedures involving the mandible, maxilla (or both) or genioplasty procedures. Please refer to CG-SURG-84 Mandibular/Maxillary (Orthognathic) Surgery for additional information.

**Note:** The use of botulinum toxin is not addressed in this document.

**Medically Necessary:** In this document, procedures are considered medically necessary if there is a significant physical functional impairment AND the procedure can be reasonably expected to improve the physical functional impairment.

**Reconstructive:** In this document, procedures are considered reconstructive when intended to address a significant variation from normal related to accidental injury, disease, trauma, treatment of a disease or congenital defect.

**NOTE:** Not all benefit contracts/certificates include benefits for reconstructive services as defined by this document. Benefit language supersedes this document.

**Cosmetic:** In this document, procedures are considered cosmetic when intended to change a physical appearance that would be considered within normal human anatomic variation. Cosmetic services are often described as those that are primarily intended to preserve or improve appearance.

## Position Statement

### A. Facial Plastic Surgery:

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Facial plastic surgery is considered **medically necessary** when required to correct a significant physical functional impairment **and** the procedure can be reasonably expected to improve the physical functional impairment. Examples include, but are not limited to, reconstructive procedures which correct or improve a significant functional impairment of speech, nutrition, control of secretions, protection of the airway, or corneal protection.

Facial plastic surgery is considered **reconstructive** when intended to address a significant variation from normal related to accidental injury, disease, trauma, or treatment of a disease or congenital defect.

*Note:* The initial restoration may be completed in stages.

Facial plastic surgery is considered **cosmetic and not medically necessary** when intended to change a physical appearance that would be considered within normal human anatomic variation.

Facial plastic surgery is considered **cosmetic and not medically necessary** when the medically necessary or reconstructive criteria in this section are not met.

#### B. Otoplasty

Otoplasty is considered **medically necessary** when performed to surgically correct a physical structure or absence of a physical structure that is causing hearing loss, or intended to facilitate the use of a hearing aid or device when **both** of the following criteria are met:

1. the procedure is reasonably expected to improve the physical functional impairment; **and**
2. an audiogram documents a loss of at least 15 decibels in the affected ear(s).

Otoplasty is considered **reconstructive** when intended to restore a significantly abnormal external ear or auditory canal related to accidental injury, disease, trauma, or treatment of a disease or congenital defect.

Otoplasty is considered **reconstructive** when intended to restore the absence of the external ear due to accidental injury, disease, trauma, or the treatment of a disease or congenital defect.

Otoplasty is considered **cosmetic and not medically necessary** when intended to change a physical appearance that would be considered within normal human anatomic variation. Examples include, but are not limited to, repair of ear lobes with clefts or other consequences of ear piercing, or protruding ears.

Otoplasty is considered **cosmetic and not medically necessary** when the medically necessary or reconstructive criteria in this section are not met.

#### C. Rhinophyma

Excision or shaving of the rhinophyma is considered **medically necessary** when **both** of the following criteria are met:

1. the medical record documentation includes evidence of bleeding or infection; **and**
2. the procedure can be reasonably expected to improve physical functional impairment as a result of bleeding or infection.

Excision or shaving of the rhinophyma is considered **cosmetic and not medically necessary** when the medically necessary criteria in this section are not met.

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#### D. Rhinoplasty or Rhinoseptoplasty (procedure which combines both rhinoplasty and septoplasty)

Rhinoplasty is considered **medically necessary** when **both** of the following criteria are met:

1. the medical record documentation includes evidence of the failure of conservative medical therapy for severe airway obstruction from deformities due to disease, structural abnormality, or previous therapeutic process that will not respond to septoplasty alone; **and**
2. the procedure can be reasonably expected to improve the physical functional impairment.

**Note:** Only the initial restorative repair is medically necessary, unless the procedure is completed in stages with healing periods, then all stages are medically necessary.

**Note:** Rhinoseptoplasty is considered medically necessary when the criteria above for rhinoplasty are met and medically necessary criteria in **CG-SURG-18 Septoplasty** are also met.

Rhinoplasty is considered **reconstructive** if there is documented evidence (that is, radiographs or appropriate imaging studies) of nasal fracture resulting in significant variation from normal without physical functional impairment. The intent of the surgery is to correct the deformity caused by the nasal fracture.

Rhinoseptoplasty is considered **reconstructive** if there is documented evidence (that is, radiographs or appropriate imaging studies) of nasal and septal fracture resulting in significant variation from normal without physical functional impairment. The intent of the surgery is to correct the deformity caused by the nasal and septal fracture.

Rhinoplasty or rhinoseptoplasty to modify the shape or size of the nose is considered **cosmetic and not medically necessary** when the medically necessary or reconstructive criteria in this section are not met.

#### E. Rhytidectomy (Face lift)

Rhytidectomy is considered **reconstructive** when intended to address a significant variation from normal related to accidental injury, disease, trauma, treatment of a disease or congenital defect. Examples include, but are not limited to, significant burns or other significant major facial trauma.

Rhytidectomy is considered **cosmetic and not medically necessary** when the reconstructive criteria in this section are not met, including, but not limited to, removal of wrinkles, excess skin, or to tighten facial muscles.

#### F. Cranial Nerve Procedures

Transfers, anastomosis or other procedures of the facial nerve or other cranial nerves or their branches are considered **medically necessary** to correct a significant physical functional impairment **and** the procedure can be reasonably expected to improve the physical functional impairment. Examples of cranial nerve procedures to correct a physical functional impairment include, but are not limited to, procedures to allow for speech, nutrition, control of secretions, protection of the airway, or corneal protection.

Transfers, anastomosis or other procedures of the facial nerve or other cranial nerves or their branches are considered **reconstructive** when intended to address a significant variation from normal related to accidental injury, disease, trauma, treatment of a disease or congenital defect. Examples of significant variation from normal include, but are not limited to, congenital or acquired facial palsy.

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Transfers, anastomosis or other procedures of the facial nerve or other cranial nerves or their branches are considered **not medically necessary** when the medically necessary or reconstructive criteria in this section are not met.

#### G. Ear or Body Piercing

Ear or body piercing is considered **cosmetic and not medically necessary** when performed for any reason.

#### H. Frown Lines

Removal of frown lines is considered **cosmetic and not medically necessary** when performed for any reason, including, but not limited to, the excision or correction of glabella frown lines or forehead lift (cosmetic foreheadplasty).

#### I. Neck Tuck (Submental Lipectomy)

Neck tucks are considered **cosmetic and not medically necessary** when performed for any reason.

### Rationale

#### *Concepts of Medical Necessity, Reconstructive and Cosmetic*

The coverage eligibility of medical and surgical therapies to treat head and neck abnormalities is often based on a determination of whether the abnormality is considered medically necessary, reconstructive or cosmetic in nature. In many instances the concept of reconstructive overlaps with the concept of medical necessity. For example, services intended to correct a significant physical functional impairment as a result of trauma will be considered medically necessary and thus eligible for coverage, regardless of the contract language pertaining to reconstructive services, unless some other exclusion applies. Generally, reconstructive is often taken to mean that the service “returns the person to whole” as a result of a congenital anomaly, disease or other condition including post trauma or post therapy, while cosmetic generally describes improving a physical appearance that would be considered within normal human anatomic variation. Categories of conditions without associated functional impairment that may be included as reconstructive definitions, include or may be due to the following: a) surgery, b) accidental trauma or injury, c) diseases, d) congenital anomalies, e) severe anatomic variants, and f) chemotherapy.

### Background/Overview

Facial plastic surgery is a general term for any surgery performed for the purpose of altering the appearance of the face. Facial plastic surgery may be considered cosmetic, or may be considered medically necessary in those instances where severe abnormalities result in functional impairments that affect speech, nutrition, control of secretions, protection of the airway, or corneal protection. Reconstructive surgery to the midface, orbital rims or the forehead may require augmentation or reduction, osteotomy, bone or cartilage grafting, or a combination of these procedures. These procedures may also be reasonable to correct or restore appearance following traumatic injuries or a previous surgery done to treat a medical or surgical condition that resulted in anatomical changes. Other procedures are not done to correct a functional impairment. Surgery for frown lines is intended to remove wrinkles that result from the aging process. A “neck tuck”, also known as a neck lift, lower rhytidectomy or submental lipectomy, is a surgical procedure to remove excess skin and fat from the neck area under the chin. This area may

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also be referred to as a double chin. These surgeries are not reconstructive in nature but are performed for cosmetic purposes.

Osteotomy and osteoplasty are surgical procedures which involve the opening of a bone (osteotomy), or the reconfiguration of a bone (osteoplasty). Such procedures are required when the alignment of a bony structure is misaligned to such a degree that it results in physical functional impairment. These surgeries are usually complex and may involve several procedures or stages to accomplish the desired result.

Otoplasty refers to surgical procedures intended to reshape the structure of a misshapen or injured outer ear, or to construct an ear that is incompletely formed (microtia), small, or absent at birth or as a result of trauma. The most severe form of microtia is called atresia, where the individual lacks an external auditory canal. Microtia may be found in congenital conditions such as Goldenhar syndrome, hemifacial microsomia, and Treacher-Collins syndrome. Otoplasty is considered cosmetic when there is no physical functional impairment or trauma involved, but may be reconstructive or medically necessary in instances where the ear is misshapen enough to interfere with normal hearing, is absent at birth, or is deformed due to disease or trauma.

Rhinophyma is a condition where the nose becomes enlarged, red in color, and bulb-shaped in appearance. The cause of rhinophyma is unknown, but has been associated with long standing rosacea, a chronic skin rash that is characterized by reddening of the skin on the face. This condition typically affects male Caucasians over 40 years of age, although some cases have been reported in women and younger individuals. Because this condition results in numerous pits and fissures in the skin, bleeding and infection may develop indicating the need for further medical treatment. In all other circumstances, treatment of rhinophyma is considered cosmetic in nature.

Rhinoplasty, septoplasty, and rhinoseptoplasty (or septorhinoplasty) are procedures that involve distinct surgical techniques. When rhinoplasty is performed to alter the shape (contour) or enhance the external appearance of the nose (that is, a “nose job”), the procedure has no medical benefit and is considered cosmetic and not medically necessary. Rhinoplasty may be performed to alter the shape of the nose to improve the passage of air while breathing (from blocked nasal passages or severe nasal obstruction), or to correct structural damage due to disease or trauma (for example, to repair a nasal fracture) *without* involvement of the underlying nasal septa. Rhinoplasty is medically indicated when these conditions exist. Septoplasty, usually performed under local or general anesthesia, is a surgical procedure to correct nasal septum defects or deformities by alteration, splinting, or partial removal of obstructing structures (Note: The indications for septoplasty alone are not addressed in this document). Septoplasty is an internal procedure which does not affect the outward appearance of the nose, is usually performed to improve breathing, but may also be performed to assist in the management of polyps, tumors or epistaxis. Rhinoseptoplasty, involving both rhinoplasty and septoplasty, is a more extensive surgical procedure combining repairs to the external nasal pyramid or skeleton with repairs of the nasal septa to correct a physical functional impairment involving both structures. Rhinoseptoplasty may also be performed as a reconstructive procedure to correct a nasal and septal fracture resulting in significant variation from normal without physical functional impairment. The intent of the surgery is to correct the deformity caused by the nasal and septal fracture.

A rhytidectomy or “face lift” is a surgical procedure where excess skin is removed from the face and the facial muscles are tightened. This procedure may correct a facial abnormality due to burns or facial palsy resulting in a droopy appearance. In addition, face lifts are used to create a more youthful appearance in individuals concerned with changes due to the aging process. In individuals with facial injuries due to burns or lax facial muscles due to palsy, the use of rhytidectomy may allow the restoration of a normal appearance. Rhytidectomy is considered a cosmetic procedure for individuals with no physical functional impairment, disease, or injury-related facial changes.

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Nerve anastomosis or grafting, decompression, and peripheral neuroplasty are some of the surgical procedures performed to correct physical functional impairment that may result from cranial and facial nerve pathology, injury or dysfunction. These procedures are expected to improve the individual's physical functions involving speech, nutrition, control of secretions, corneal protection, or airway protection. These reconstructive surgical procedures are also performed to address an individual's significantly altered appearance in the treatment of congenital or acquired facial palsy.

Ear and body piercing is done for cosmetic or aesthetic reasons. Piercing the ears, nose, lip, or any other body part has no acceptable medical use and therefore is not considered medically necessary.

#### Definitions

**Osteotomy/Osteoplasty:** A surgical procedure that involves the opening of a bone (osteotomy), or to reconfigure a bone (osteoplasty).

**Otoplasty:** A surgical procedure to reshape or rebuild the ear.

**Palsy:** A condition affecting the nerves that results in the inability of voluntary movement (motor function) or paralysis, generally partial, of a body area.

**Rhinophyma:** A condition of the face consisting of a bulbous, enlarged, red nose and puffy cheeks. There may also be thick bumps on the lower half of the nose and the nearby cheek areas.

**Rhinoplasty:** A surgical procedure intended to reshape the nose or repair a broken nose.

**Rhinoseptoplasty:** A surgical procedure, also referred to as a septorhinoplasty, performed on the nose and the nasal septum (cartilage and bony structure that separates the two nostrils).

**Rhytidectomy:** A surgical procedure intended to adjust the appearance of the face by removing excess skin and tightening the underlying muscles.

**Septoplasty:** A surgical procedure intended to repair the nasal septum.

**Submental lipectomy:** A surgical procedure, also referred to as a neck tuck, intended to remove excess fat and skin ("double chin") from the neck below the chin.

#### Coding

*The following codes for treatments and procedures applicable to this document are included below for informational purposes. Inclusion or exclusion of a procedure, diagnosis or device code(s) does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement policy. Please refer to the member's contract benefits in effect at the time of service to determine coverage or non-coverage of these services as it applies to an individual member.*

##### A. Facial Plastic Surgery

**When services may be Medically Necessary or Reconstructive when criteria are met:**

#### CPT

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21083	Impression and custom preparation; palatal lift prosthesis
21087	Impression and custom preparation; nasal prosthesis
21137-21139	Reduction forehead [includes codes 21137, 21138, 21139]
21159-21160	Reconstruction midface, LeFort III (extra and intracranial) with forehead advancement (e.g., mono bloc), requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts)
21172	Reconstruction superior-lateral orbital rim and lower forehead, advancement or alteration, with or without grafts (includes obtaining autografts); without LeFort I
21175	Reconstruction, bifrontal, superiorlateral orbital rims and lower forehead, advancement or alteration (e.g., plagiocephaly, trigonocephaly, brachycephaly), with or without grafts (includes obtaining autografts)
21179-21180	Reconstruction, entire or majority of forehead and/or supraorbital rims
21182-21184	Reconstruction of orbital walls, rims, forehead, nasoethmoid complex following intra-and extracranial excision of benign tumor of cranial bone (eg, fibrous dysplasia), with multiple autografts (includes obtaining grafts) [includes codes 21182, 21183, 21184]
21210	Graft, bone; nasal; maxillary or malar areas (includes obtaining grafts)
21230	Graft; rib cartilage, autogenous, to face, chin, nose or ear (includes obtaining graft)
21235	Graft; ear cartilage, autogenous, to nose or ear (includes obtaining graft)
21255	Reconstruction zygomatic arch and glenoid fossa with bone and cartilage (includes obtaining autografts)
21256	Reconstruction of orbit with osteotomies (extracranial) and with bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts) (eg, micro-ophthalmia)
21270	Malar augmentation, prosthetic material
21275	Secondary revision of orbitocraniofacial reconstruction

**ICD-10 Procedure**

0NU107Z-0NU20KZ	Supplement frontal bone, open approach; [right or left with autologous tissue, synthetic or nonautologous tissue substitute; includes codes 0NU107Z, 0NU10JZ, 0NU10KZ, 0NU207Z, 0NU20JZ, 0NU20KZ]
0NUM07Z-0NUN0KZ	Supplement zygomatic bone, open approach; [right or left with autologous tissue, synthetic or nonautologous tissue substitute; includes codes 0NUM07Z, 0NUM0JZ, 0NUM0KZ, 0NUN07Z, 0NUN0JZ, 0NUN0KZ]
0NUP07Z-0NUQ0KZ	Supplement orbit, open approach [right or left with autologous tissue, synthetic or nonautologous tissue substitute; includes codes 0NUP07Z, 0NUP0JZ, 0NUP0KZ, 0NUQ07Z, 0NUQ0JZ, 0NUQ0KZ]
0WU207Z-0WU20KZ	Supplement face, open approach [with autologous tissue, synthetic or nonautologous tissue substitute; includes codes 0WU207Z, 0WU20JZ, 0WU20KZ]

**ICD-10 Diagnosis**

All diagnoses

**When services are Cosmetic and Not Medically Necessary:**

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*B. Otoplasty*

**When services may be Medically Necessary or Reconstructive when criteria are met:**

**CPT**

69300	Otoplasty, protruding ear, with or without size reduction
69399	Unlisted procedure, external ear [when specified as other otoplasty]

**ICD-10 Procedure**

09S00ZZ-09S2XZZ	Reposition external ear [right, left or bilateral, by approach; includes codes 09S00ZZ, 09S04ZZ, 09S0XZZ, 09S10ZZ, 09S14ZZ, 09S1XZZ, 09S20ZZ, 09S24ZZ, 09S2XZZ]
09U007Z-09U2X7Z	Supplement external ear with autologous tissue substitute [right, left or bilateral, by approach; includes codes 09U007Z, 09U0X7Z, 09U107Z, 09U1X7Z, 09U207Z, 09U2X7Z]
09U00JZ-09U2XJZ	Supplement external ear with synthetic substitute [right, left or bilateral, by approach; includes codes 09U00JZ, 09U0XJZ, 09U10JZ, 09U1XJZ, 09U20JZ, 09U2XJZ]
09U00KZ-09U2XKZ	Supplement external ear with nonautologous tissue substitute [right, left or bilateral, by approach; includes codes 09U00KZ, 09U0XKZ, 09U10KZ, 09U1XKZ, 09U20KZ, 09U2XKZ]
0HN2XZZ-0HN3XZZ	Release ear skin, external approach [right or left; includes codes 0HN2XZZ, 0HN3XZZ]
090007Z-0902X7Z	Alteration of external ear with autologous tissue substitute [right, left or bilateral, by approach; includes codes 090007Z, 090037Z, 090047Z, 0900X7Z, 090107Z, 090137Z, 090147Z, 0901X7Z, 090207Z, 090237Z, 090247Z, 0902X7Z]
09000JZ-0902XJZ	Alteration of external ear with synthetic substitute [right, left or bilateral, by approach; includes codes 09000JZ, 09003JZ, 09004JZ, 0900XJZ, 09010JZ, 09013JZ, 09014JZ, 0901XJZ, 09020JZ, 09023JZ, 09024JZ, 0902XJZ]
09000KZ-0902XKZ	Alteration of external ear with nonautologous tissue substitute [right, left or bilateral, by approach; includes codes 09000KZ, 09003KZ, 09004KZ, 0900XKZ, 09010KZ, 09013KZ, 09014KZ, 0901XKZ, 09020KZ, 09023KZ, 09024KZ, 0902XKZ]
09000ZZ-0902XZZ	Alteration of external ear [right, left or bilateral, by approach; includes codes 09000ZZ, 09003ZZ, 09004ZZ, 0900XZZ, 09010ZZ, 09013ZZ, 09014ZZ, 0901XZZ, 09020ZZ, 09023ZZ, 09024ZZ, 0902XZZ]

**ICD-10 Diagnosis**

All diagnoses

**When services are Cosmetic and Not Medically Necessary:**

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*C. Rhinophyma Surgery*

**When services may be Medically Necessary when criteria are met:**

**CPT**

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30120                      Excision or surgical planing of skin of nose for rhinophyma

**ICD-10 Procedure**

0HB1XZZ                      Excision of face skin, external approach

**ICD-10 Diagnosis**

L71.1                      Rhinophyma

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*D. Rhinoplasty or Rhinoseptoplasty***When services may be Medically Necessary or Reconstructive when criteria are met:****CPT**

30400-30420                      Rhinoplasty, primary [includes codes 30400, 30410, 30420]

30430-30450                      Rhinoplasty, secondary [includes codes 30430, 30435, 30450]

**ICD-10 Procedure**

09UK07Z-09UKX7Z                      Supplement nose with autologous tissue substitute [by approach; includes codes 09UK07Z, 09UKX7Z]

09UK0JZ-09UKXJZ                      Supplement nose with synthetic substitute [by approach; includes codes 09UK0JZ, 09UKXJZ]

09UK0KZ-09UKXKZ                      Supplement nose with nonautologous tissue substitute [by approach; includes codes 09UK0KZ, 09UKXKZ]

0NUB07Z                      Supplement nasal bone with autologous tissue substitute, open approach

0NUB0JZ                      Supplement nasal bone with synthetic substitute, open approach

0NUB0KZ                      Supplement nasal bone with nonautologous tissue substitute, open approach

090K07Z-090KX7Z                      Alteration of nose with autologous tissue substitute [by approach; includes codes 090K07Z, 090K37Z, 090K47Z, 090KX7Z]

090K0JZ-090KXJZ                      Alteration of nose with synthetic substitute [by approach; includes codes 090K0JZ, 090K3JZ, 090K4JZ, 090KXJZ]

090K0KZ-090KXKZ                      Alteration of nose with nonautologous tissue substitute [by approach; includes codes 090K0KZ, 090K3KZ, 090K4KZ, 090KXKZ]

090K0ZZ-090KXZZ                      Alteration of nose [by approach; includes codes 090K0ZZ, 090K3ZZ, 090K4ZZ, 090KXZZ]

**ICD-10 Diagnosis**

All diagnoses

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#### E. Rhytidectomy (face lift)

##### When services may be Reconstructive when criteria are met:

###### CPT

15824	Rhytidectomy; forehead
15828	Rhytidectomy, cheek, chin, and neck

###### ICD-10 Procedure

0JD00ZZ	Extraction of scalp subcutaneous tissue and fascia, open approach
0JD03ZZ	Extraction of scalp subcutaneous tissue and fascia, percutaneous approach
0JD10ZZ	Extraction of face subcutaneous tissue and fascia, open approach
0JD13ZZ	Extraction of face subcutaneous tissue and fascia, percutaneous approach
0J010ZZ	Alteration of face subcutaneous tissue and fascia, open approach
0J013ZZ	Alteration of face subcutaneous tissue and fascia, percutaneous approach
0W020ZZ	Alteration of face, open approach
0W023ZZ	Alteration of face, percutaneous approach

###### ICD-10 Diagnosis

All diagnoses

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#### F. Cranial Nerve Procedures

##### When services may be Medically Necessary or Reconstructive when criteria are met:

###### CPT

15840-15845	Graft for facial nerve paralysis [includes codes 15840, 15841, 15842, 15845]
64716	Neuroplasty and/or transposition; cranial nerve
64732-64742	Transection or avulsion (nerves of face) [includes codes 64732, 64734, 64736, 64738, 64740, 64742]
64864-64865	Suture of facial nerve [includes codes 64864, 64865]
64866-64868	Anastomosis (facial nerves) [includes codes 64866, 64868]
69955	Total facial nerve decompression and/or repair (may include graft)

###### ICD-10 Procedure

00NH0ZZ-00NH4ZZ	Release oculomotor nerve [by approach; includes codes 00NH0ZZ, 00NH3ZZ, 00NH4ZZ]
00NJ0ZZ-00NJ4ZZ	Release trochlear nerve [by approach; includes codes 00NJ0ZZ, 00NJ3ZZ, 00NJ4ZZ]
00NK0ZZ-00NK4ZZ	Release trigeminal nerve [by approach; includes codes 00NK0ZZ, 00NK3ZZ, 00NK4ZZ]
00NL0ZZ-00NL4ZZ	Release abducens nerve [by approach; includes codes 00NL0ZZ, 00NL3ZZ, 00NL4ZZ]

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00NM0ZZ-00NM4ZZ	Release facial nerve [by approach; includes codes 00NM0ZZ, 00NM3ZZ, 00NM4ZZ]
00QH0ZZ-00QH4ZZ	Repair oculomotor nerve [by approach; includes codes 00QH0ZZ, 00QH3ZZ, 00QH4ZZ]
00QJ0ZZ-00QJ4ZZ	Repair trochlear nerve [by approach; includes codes 00QJ0ZZ, 00QJ3ZZ, 00QJ4ZZ]
00QK0ZZ-00QK4ZZ	Repair trigeminal nerve [by approach; includes codes 00QK0ZZ, 00QK3ZZ, 00QK4ZZ]
00QL0ZZ-00QL4ZZ	Repair abducens nerve [by approach; includes codes 00QL0ZZ, 00QL3ZZ, 00QL4ZZ]
00QM0ZZ-00QM4ZZ	Repair facial nerve [by approach; includes codes 00QM0ZZ, 00QM3ZZ, 00QM4ZZ]
00SH0ZZ-00SH4ZZ	Reposition oculomotor nerve [by approach; includes codes 00SH0ZZ, 00SH3ZZ, 00SH4ZZ]
00SJ0ZZ-00SJ4ZZ	Reposition trochlear nerve [by approach; includes codes 00SJ0ZZ, 00SJ3ZZ, 00SJ4ZZ]
00SK0ZZ-00SK4ZZ	Reposition trigeminal nerve [by approach; includes codes 00SK0ZZ, 00SK3ZZ, 00SK4ZZ]
00SL0ZZ-00SL4ZZ	Reposition abducens nerve [by approach; includes codes 00SL0ZZ, 00SL3ZZ, 00SL4ZZ]
00SM0ZZ-00SM4ZZ	Reposition facial nerve [by approach; includes codes 00SM0ZZ, 00SM3ZZ, 00SM4ZZ]
00XF0ZH-00XF4ZM	Transfer olfactory nerve [by destination and approach; includes codes 00XF0ZH, 00XF0ZJ, 00XF0ZK, 00XF0ZL, 00XF0ZM, 00XF4ZH, 00XF4ZJ, 00XF4ZK, 00XF4ZL, 00XF4ZM]
00XG0ZH-00XG4ZM	Transfer optic nerve [by destination and approach; includes codes 00XG0ZH, 00XG0ZJ, 00XG0ZK, 00XG0ZL, 00XG0ZM, 00XG4ZH, 00XG4ZJ, 00XG4ZK, 00XG4ZL, 00XG4ZM]
00XH0ZH-00XH4ZM	Transfer oculomotor nerve [by destination and approach; includes codes 00XH0ZH, 00XH0ZJ, 00XH0ZK, 00XH0ZL, 00XH0ZM, 00XH4ZH, 00XH4ZJ, 00XH4ZK, 00XH4ZL, 00XH4ZM]
00XJ0ZH-00XJ4ZM	Transfer trochlear nerve [by destination and approach; includes codes 00XJ0ZH, 00XJ0ZJ, 00XJ0ZK, 00XJ0ZL, 00XJ0ZM, 00XJ4ZH, 00XJ4ZJ, 00XJ4ZK, 00XJ4ZL, 00XJ4ZM]
00XK0ZH-00XK4ZM	Transfer trigeminal nerve [by destination and approach; includes codes 00XK0ZH, 00XK0ZJ, 00XK0ZK, 00XK0ZL, 00XK0ZM, 00XK4ZH, 00XK4ZJ, 00XK4ZK, 00XK4ZL, 00XK4ZM]
00XL0ZH-00XL4ZM	Transfer abducens nerve [by destination and approach; includes codes 00XL0ZH, 00XL0ZJ, 00XL0ZK, 00XL0ZL, 00XL0ZM, 00XL4ZH, 00XL4ZJ, 00XL4ZK, 00XL4ZL, 00XL4ZM]
00XM0ZH-00XM4ZM	Transfer facial nerve [by destination and approach; includes codes 00XM0ZH, 00XM0ZJ, 00XM0ZK, 00XM0ZL, 00XM0ZM, 00XM4ZH, 00XM4ZJ, 00XM4ZK, 00XM4ZL, 00XM4ZM]
00XN0ZH-00XN4ZM	Transfer acoustic nerve [by cranial nerve destination and approach; includes codes 00XN0ZH, 00XN0ZJ, 00XN0ZK, 00XN0ZL, 00XN0ZM, 00XN4ZH, 00XN4ZJ, 00XN4ZK, 00XN4ZL, 00XN4ZM]

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00XP0ZH-00XP4ZM	Transfer glossopharyngeal nerve [by cranial nerve destination and approach; includes codes 00XP0ZH, 00XP0ZJ, 00XP0ZK, 00XP0ZL, 00XP0ZM, 00XP4ZH, 00XP4ZJ, 00XP4ZK, 00XP4ZL, 00XP4ZM]
00XQ0ZH-00XQ4ZM	Transfer vagus nerve [by cranial nerve destination and approach; includes codes 00XQ0ZH, 00XQ0ZJ, 00XQ0ZK, 00XQ0ZL, 00XQ0ZM, 00XQ4ZH, 00XQ4ZJ, 00XQ4ZK, 00XQ4ZL, 00XQ4ZM]
00XR0ZH-00XR4ZM	Transfer accessory nerve [by cranial nerve destination and approach; includes codes 00XR0ZH, 00XR0ZJ, 00XR0ZK, 00XR0ZL, 00XR0ZM, 00XR4ZH, 00XR4ZJ, 00XR4ZK, 00XR4ZL, 00XR4ZM]
00XS0ZH-00XS4ZM	Transfer hypoglossal nerve [by cranial nerve destination and approach; includes codes 00XS0ZH, 00XS0ZJ, 00XS0ZK, 00XS0ZL, 00XS0ZM, 00XS4ZH, 00XS4ZJ, 00XS4ZK, 00XS4ZL, 00XS4ZM]

**ICD-10 Diagnosis**

All diagnoses

**When services are Not Medically Necessary:**

For the procedure codes listed above when criteria are not met for medically necessary or reconstructive services, or when the code describes a procedure indicated in the Position Statement section as not medically necessary.

*G. Other Procedures (Ear piercing, Frown lines, Neck Tuck)*

**When services are Cosmetic and Not Medically Necessary:**

**CPT**

15819	Cervicoplasty
15825	Rhytidectomy; neck with platysmal tightening (platysmal flap, P-flap)
15826	Rhytidectomy; glabellar frown lines
15829	Rhytidectomy; superficial musculoaponeurotic system (SMAS) flap
15838	Excision, excessive skin and subcutaneous tissue (including lipectomy); submental fat pad
15876	Suction assisted lipectomy; head and neck
69090	Ear piercing

**ICD-10 Procedure**

0JD40ZZ	Extraction of anterior neck subcutaneous tissue and fascia, open approach
0JD43ZZ	Extraction of anterior neck subcutaneous tissue and fascia, percutaneous approach
0JD50ZZ	Extraction of posterior neck subcutaneous tissue and fascia, open approach
0JD53ZZ	Extraction of posterior neck subcutaneous tissue and fascia, percutaneous approach
0W060ZZ	Alteration of neck, open approach
0W063ZZ	Alteration of neck, percutaneous approach
8E0HXY9	Piercing of integumentary system and breast

**ICD-10 Diagnosis**

All diagnoses

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