

Premium Specialty: Obstetrics and Gynecology

Credentialed Specialties Include: Gynecology, Obstetrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology

Patient Episode Cost

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We evaluate physicians in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Premium specialty using the patient episode cost measurement with the attributed 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. Patient episode cost measurement 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.

Please view the [Attribution Methods](#) document to learn more.

For procedure-based episodes, once an anchor procedure is identified, non-anchor claims from related episode treatment groups "target" procedures that are clinically related to the anchor procedure. The non-anchor claims are then grouped to each episode within the Claims Grouping Timeframes noted below.

Please view the [Patient Episode Cost](#) document to learn more.

Condition-Based Episodes

Acne*

Anxiety Disorder or Phobias

Bacterial Infection of Skin, Bilateral

Bacterial Infection of Skin, Single Side

Celiac Disease

Complex Regional Pain Syndrome

Conditional Exam

Conditions Associated with Infertility

Conditions Associated with Menstruation

Contraceptive Management

Diabetes*

Ectopic Pregnancy

Endocrine Disease Signs and Symptoms*

Endometriosis

Condition-Based Episodes

Female Sex Gland Disorders

Fungal Skin Infection

Gastroenterology Diseases Signs and Symptoms

Gynecological Signs and Symptoms

Hemorrhoids

Hypertension

Hypo-Functioning Thyroid Gland*

Infection of Cervix

Infection of Lower Genitourinary System, Not Sexually Transmitted

Infection of Ovary and/or Fallopian Tubes

Infection of Upper Genitourinary System

Infection of Uterus

Infection of Vagina, except Monilial

Inflammation of Genitourinary System, except Kidney Stones

Inflammatory Condition of Female Genital Tract, except Endometriosis

Iron Deficiency Anemia

Kidney Stones

Low Back Pain Syndrome

Malignant Neoplasm of Breast

Malignant Neoplasm of Cervix

Malignant Neoplasm of Ovaries

Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus

Migraine Headache*

Monilial Infection of Vagina (Yeast)

Mood Disorder, Depressed*

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Breast

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Female Genital Tract

Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Pituitary Gland*

Non-Toxic Goiter

Condition-Based Episodes
Nutritional Deficiency
Obesity
Obstetric Signs and Symptoms
Obstructive Sleep Apnea
Osteoporosis*
Other Diseases of Female Genital Tract
Other Disorders of Breast
Other Inflammation of Skin*
Other Neonatal Disorders, Perinatal Origin
Other Sleep Disorders*
Pregnancy, with Delivery
Pregnancy, with Delivery, with Caesarean Section
Routine Exam
Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Disseminated
Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Primary
Spontaneous Abortion
Urinary Incontinence*
Urological Diseases Signs and Symptoms
Viral Skin Infection

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

Procedure-Based Episodes	Claims Grouping Timeframe	
	Days Before	Days After
Cautery of Cervix	14	14
Cesarean Section - Global	1	42
Cesarean Section - Delivery Only	1	42
Conization of Cervix	14	14
Excision of Ovary and Ovarian Duct (Note: evaluation for single-side and bilateral procedures is performed separately)	14	42
Excision of Uterine Myoma	14	42
Hysterectomy	14	42
Hysterectomy - with Repair	14	42

Procedure-Based Episodes	Claims Grouping Timeframe	
	Days Before	Days After
Hysteroscopy - with Treatment	14	14
Removal of Ovary and Ovarian Duct (Note: evaluation for single-side and bilateral procedures is performed separately)	14	42
Stress Incontinence Repair	14	42

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