

Premium Specialty: Obstetrics and Gynecology

Credentialed Specialties Include: Gynecology, Obstetrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology

Patient Total Cost

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We evaluate physicians in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Premium specialty using the [patient total cost](#) measurement using the condition-based episodes listed in the following chart.

Attribution methods determine which physicians are responsible for giving care to patients. Patient total cost measurement uses the patient attribution method. Please view the [Attribution Methods](#) document to learn more.

We use two methods to determine if we should include costs from an eligible treatment episode. These methods depend on the condition:

- **Always include:** Costs from an eligible treatment episode for an attributed patient, regardless of the attributed physician's level of involvement in the treatment of the patient's condition.
- **Include if involved:** Costs from an eligible treatment episode for an attributed patient if the attributed physician is responsible for at least 30% of the costs.

When the physician doesn't have a sufficient number of patients attributed, the Premium program uses the [patient episode cost](#) measurement.

Condition	Always Include	Include if Involved
Acne*		X
Anxiety Disorder or Phobias		X
Bacterial Infection of Skin, Single Side		X
Conditional Exam		X
Conditions Associated with Infertility		X
Conditions Associated with Infertility, with Surgery		X
Conditions Associated with Menstruation	X	
Conditions Associated with Menstruation, with Surgery	X	
Contraceptive Management		X
Contraceptive Management, with Surgery		X
Diabetes*		X
Diabetes, with Surgery*		X
Ectopic Pregnancy	X	
Ectopic Pregnancy, with Surgery	X	
Endocrine Disease Signs and Symptoms*		X
Endometriosis	X	
Endometriosis, with Surgery	X	
Female Sex Gland Disorders	X	

Condition	Always Include	Include if Involved
Female Sex Gland Disorders, with Surgery	X	
Fungal Skin Infection		X
Gastroenterology Diseases Signs and Symptoms		X
Gynecological Signs and Symptoms	X	
Hemorrhoids		X
Hemorrhoids, with Surgery		X
Hypertension		X
Hypo-Functioning Thyroid Gland*		X
Hypo-Functioning Thyroid Gland, with Surgery*		X
Infection of Cervix	X	
Infection of Lower Genitourinary System, Not Sexually Transmitted		X
Infection of Ovary and/or Fallopian Tubes	X	
Infection of Ovary and/or Fallopian Tubes, with Surgery	X	
Infection of Upper Genitourinary System		X
Infection of Upper Genitourinary System, with Surgery		X
Infection of Uterus	X	
Infection of Uterus, with Surgery	X	
Infection of Vagina, except Monilial	X	
Inflammation of Genitourinary System, except Kidney Stones		X
Inflammation of Genitourinary System, except Kidney Stones, with Surgery		X
Inflammatory Condition of Female Genital Tract, except Endometriosis	X	
Inflammatory Condition of Female Genital Tract, except Endometriosis, with Surgery	X	
Iron Deficiency Anemia		X
Kidney Stones		X
Kidney Stones, with Surgery		X
Low Back Pain Syndrome		X
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	X	
Malignant Neoplasm of Cervix	X	
Malignant Neoplasm of Ovaries	X	
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	X	
Migraine Headache*		X
Monilial Infection of Vagina (Yeast)	X	
Mood Disorder, Depressed*		X
Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	X	

Condition	Always Include	Include if Involved
Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Breast, with Surgery	X	
Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Female Genital Tract	X	
Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Female Genital Tract, with Surgery	X	
Non-Malignant Neoplasm of Pituitary Gland*		X
Non-Toxic Goiter		X
Non-Toxic Goiter, with Surgery		X
Nutritional Deficiency		X
Nutritional Deficiency, with Surgery		X
Obesity		X
Obesity, with Surgery		X
Obstetric Signs and Symptoms	X	
Obstructive Sleep Apnea		X
Osteoporosis*		X
Other Diseases of Female Genital Tract	X	
Other Diseases of Female Genital Tract, with Surgery	X	
Other Disorders of Breast	X	
Other Disorders of Breast, with Surgery	X	
Other Inflammation of Skin*		X
Other Neonatal Disorders, Perinatal Origin		X
Other Sleep Disorders*		X
Pregnancy, with Delivery	X	
Pregnancy, with Delivery, with Caesarean Section	X	
Routine Exam		X
Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Disseminated		X
Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Primary	X	
Spontaneous Abortion	X	
Urinary Incontinence*	X	
Urinary Incontinence, with Surgery*	X	
Urological Diseases Signs and Symptoms		X
Viral Skin Infection		X

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

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