

**FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY**  
**Delineation of Qualifications**  
**for Hospital Privileges**



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## Definition of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Facial plastic and reconstructive surgery addresses surgery to correct congenital, trauma-induced, and oncologic disorders of the face, head, and neck and improvements in the appearance of that region.

That surgery includes cancer surgery and reconstruction after such surgery, repair of facial injuries from trauma such as car crashes, repair of congenital deformities, such as cleft lip and cleft palate and microtia, and procedures to improve the patient's appearance, such as rhinoplasty (nose surgery), rhytidectomy (facelift) and blepharoplasty (eyelid surgery).

## Facial Plastic Surgeons

Facial plastic surgeons perform facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. They are trained in residency programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and board-certified by appropriate boards affiliated with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) addressing facial plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Many facial plastic surgeons are initially trained and certified in the specialty of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery. Their postgraduate ACGME-approved training includes five years of surgical residency, including a year of general surgery. Residency training typically occurs within a division of facial plastic and reconstructive surgery in the medical school's department of otolaryngology. The American Board of Otolaryngology examines those surgeons at the completion of their residencies. One-fourth of the examination covers facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. The ABMS-approved certificate accordingly states that the examination includes "facial plastic and reconstructive surgery."

Other surgeons also performing facial plastic surgery include those certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS), who perform plastic surgery over the entire body, including hand, extremities, breast, trunk, and external genitalia, as well as head and neck.<sup>1</sup> Many otolaryngologists are certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (ABOto).

Many facial plastic surgeons are also certified by the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ABFPRS). That certifying board requires successful completion of one or both of the ACGME-accredited residencies that provide comprehensive training in the specialty: otolaryngology-head and neck surgery and/or plastic surgery. The certifying board also requires prerequisite certification by one or both of the ABMS boards addressing the specialty: the American Board of Otolaryngology and/or the American Board of Plastic Surgery. Diplomates of the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery must successfully complete a further two-day psychometrically validated written and oral examination and complete peer review of one-hundred cases over a period of two years.

Certificates issued by the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in 2001 and thereafter are valid for ten (10) years. Thereafter, diplomates must participate in Maintenance of Certification in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery®.

<sup>1</sup> *Other specialties provide some training in plastic surgery within their fields, such as ophthalmology, which addresses oculoplasty: plastic surgery of the orbital area.*

## Training Process

The following diagram illustrates the training process for a facial plastic surgeon certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology and the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

### Medical School.

MD Degree

### Completion of ACGME-Approved Post-Graduate Residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery<sup>2</sup>

Five years: one year of general surgery followed by four years of training in head and neck surgery; facial plastic and reconstructive surgery generally within Division of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery of the Department of Otolaryngology

### Fellowship in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Many facial plastic surgeons<sup>3</sup> participate in one of the 47 one-year fellowships sponsored by the Educational and Research Foundation of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

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<sup>2</sup> This diagram covers the typical progression for facial plastic surgery within otolaryngology. Surgeons trained in programs for plastic surgery follow a similar path for that specialty. Ophthalmologists are trained in residencies for that specialty to address oculoplasty: plastic surgery of the eye region.

<sup>3</sup> In recent years, candidates for certification by the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery typically have enrolled in the one-year additional fellowship. The American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery's educational foundation coordinates that fellowship training and supports it. The Academy also considers training in ACGME-approved residencies in otolaryngology/head-and-neck surgery to be adequate, however, for consideration of staff privileges.

Certification by American Board of Otolaryngology

Examination covering facial plastic and reconstructive surgery and issuance of ABMS-approved certificate including that field.

Certification by American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Requirements include prior ACGME-approved residency in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery and/or plastic surgery, prior certification by American Board of Otolaryngology and/or American Board of Plastic Surgery, successful completion of two-day psychometrically-validated examination in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, peer review of 100 cases and subscription to Code of Ethics.

## Procedures within Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Facial plastic surgeons are trained in reconstructive and cosmetic procedures. A list of the CPT codes covered by the specialty starts on page 9 of this pamphlet.

## Recommendations for Delineation of Privileges in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

The American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery does not confer academic degrees or licenses. As in any specialty, some facial plastic surgeons focus their practices on an area of particular interest, such as, cancer reconstruction or facial cosmetic surgery. The American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery does not define requirements for membership on hospital staffs. The Academy does, however, offer the following recommendations for hospitals and medical staffs:

1. Facial plastic surgeons certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology--and particularly those certified by the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery--are trained in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. Upon demonstration of their experience in performing procedures within the scope of that specialty (see attached list of facial plastic surgery CPT codes), and compliance with the medical staff's other requirements, such surgeons should be considered for staff privileges for those procedures.
2. Specialties overlap. Therefore, surgeons from other specialties may also be considered for such procedures in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. Most notably, surgeons certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery may, upon compliance with the medical staff's requirements, be considered for staff privileges in those procedures for which they can demonstrate experience.

3. Not all specialty surgeons regularly perform all procedures within that specialty. Some facial plastic surgeons, for instance, focus heavily on cancer reconstruction. Others focus heavily on facial cosmetic surgery. Some plastic surgeons focus heavily on hand surgery. Admission to hospital staff privileges should be procedure-specific.

4. The American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery confines its interest to surgery of the head and neck. Therefore, the Academy does not support "out-of-field surgery" by surgeons operating outside the scope of their training. The training described in this booklet applies only to surgery within the head and neck.

## Facial Plastic Surgery

### Definition of Delineation of Scope

Regional Specialization is an integral part of medical practice. Just as doctors have limited themselves to pulmonary medicine, retinal surgery, or psychoanalysis, many have focused their practices on plastic and reconstructive surgery of the head and neck. Within this refined area of specialization, further stratification exists. Even categorization into cosmetic or reconstructive surgery fails to thoroughly describe and encompass the full scope of activity within facial plastic surgery.

Although facial plastic and reconstructive surgery is more than the sum of its parts, definition and description of those parts may facilitate an understanding of the specialty by patients, referring doctors, insurers, and regulators. With that goal in mind, the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery has worked with the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery to develop a compendium of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes which define the therapeutic core of our specialty. This is meant to be an illustrative document, rather than a definitive one. Certainly, not all facial plastic surgeons include all of these procedures in their practices. Further, some may have the training and experience to include procedures beyond those contained within this work. But this list represents the general scope of practice with which qualified physicians must become familiar before they can consider themselves facial plastic and reconstructive surgeons.

If a single definition can describe the common thread among facial plastic surgeons, it might be the following:

*The management of problems of deformity, injury, tumor and appearance in the head/face, jaws, and neck.*

This list will serve not only as information but also as the foundation of a database to be used in outcomes evaluation, socioeconomic studies, continuous quality improvement efforts, and other programs of importance to health systems research in facial plastic surgery. It is a dynamic effort, and will require monitoring, revising and updating as advances occur and new techniques evolve.

This list of codes was developed for the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (AAFPRS) by the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ABFPRS) as an outgrowth of the ABFPRS's conversion of its list of procedures eligible for certification to CPT nomenclature and codes. Not all procedures included in the AAFPRS list are eligible for ABFPRS certification. For a copy of the ABFPRS list, please contact the ABFPRS office directly.

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## Procedures that Define a Facial Plastic Surgeon

By CPT Code Ascending

11040 - 11954

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11040	Debridement; skin, partial thickness
11041	skin, full thickness
11042	skin, and subcutaneous tissue
11043	skin, subcutaneous tissue, and muscle
11044	skin, subcutaneous tissue, muscle, and bone
11424	lesion diameter 3.1 to 4.0 cm
11426	lesion diameter over 4.0 cm
11442	Excision other benign lesion, face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips, mucous membrane; lesion diameter 1.1 to 2.0 cm
11443	lesion diameter 2.1 to 3.0 cm
11444	lesion diameter 3.1 to 4.0 cm
11446	lesion diameter over 4.0 cm
11622	Excision, malignant lesion, scalp, neck; lesion diameter 1.1 to 2.0 cm
11623	lesion diameter 2.1 to 3.0 cm
11624	lesion diameter 3.1 to 4.0 cm
11626	lesion diameter over 4.0 cm
11641	Excision, malignant lesion, face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips; lesion diameter 0.6 to 1.0 cm
11642	lesion diameter 1.1 to 2.0 cm
11643	lesion diameter 2.1 to 3.0 cm
11644	lesion diameter 3.1 to 4.0 cm
11646	lesion diameter over 4.0 cm
11920	Tattooing, intradermal introduction of insoluble opaque pigments to correct color defects of skin, including micropigmentation; 6.0 sq cm or less
11921	6.1 to 20.0 sq cm
11922	each additional 20.0 sq cm
11950	Subcutaneous injection of "filling" material (eg, collagen); 1 cc or less
11951	1.1 to 5.0 cc
11952	5.1 to 10.0 cc
11954	over 10.0 cc

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11960	Insertion of tissue expander(s) for other than breast, including subsequent expansion
11970	Replacement of tissue expander with permanent prosthesis
11971	Removal of tissue expander(s) without insertion of prosthesis
12036	Layer closure of wounds of scalp; 20.1 to 30.0 cm
12037	over 30.0 cm
12046	Layer closure of wounds of neck; 20.1 to 30.0 cm
12047	over 30.0 cm
12052	2.6 to 5.0 cm
12053	5.1 to 7.5 cm
12054	7.6 to 12.5 cm
12055	12.6 to 20.0 cm
12056	20.1 to 30.0 cm
12057	over 30.0 cm
13121	Repair, complex, scalp; 2.6 cm to 7.5 cm
13132	Repair, complex, forehead, cheeks, chin, mouth, neck; 2.6 to 7.5 cm
13150	Repair, complex, eyelids, nose, ears, lips; 1:0 or less
13151	1.1 to 2.5 cm
13152	2.6 to 7.5 cm
13300	Unusual repair, complicated, over 7.5 cm
14020	Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, scalp; defect 10 sq cm or less
14021	defect 10.1 sq cm to 30.0 sq cm
14040	Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, forehead, cheeks, chin, mouth, neck; defect 10.0 sq cm or less
14041	defect 10.1 sq cm to 30.0 sq cm
14060	Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, eyelids, nose, ears and/or lips; defect 10.0 sq cm or less
14061	defect 10.1 to 30.0 sq cm
14300	Adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement, more than 30 sq cm, unusual or complicated, any area [use for scalp reduction]

## CPT Codes

15100 - 15770

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15100	Split graft, scalp; 100 sq cm or less
15101	each additional 100 sq cm
15120	Split graft, face, mouth, neck, ears, eyelids, orbits; 100 sq cm or less
15121	each additional 100 sq cm
15220	Full thickness graft, free, including direct closure of donor site, scalp; 20 sq cm or less
15221	each additional 20 sq cm
15240	Full thickness graft, free, including direct closure of donor site, forehead, cheeks, chin, mouth, neck; 20 sq cm or less
15241	each additional 20 sq cm
15260	Full thickness graft, free, including direct closure of donor site, nose, ears, eyelids, lips; 20 sq cm or less
15261	each additional 20 sq cm
15350	Application of allograft, skin
15400	Application of xenograft, skin
15572	Formation of direct or tubed pedicle, with or without transfer; scalp
15574	forehead, cheeks, chin, mouth, neck
15576	eyelids, nose, ears, lips, or intraoral
15610	Delay of flap or sectioning of flap (division and inset); at scalp
15620	at forehead, cheeks, chin, neck
15630	at eyelids, nose, ears, or lips
15732	Muscle, myocutaneous, or fasciocutaneous flap; head and neck (eg, temporalis, masseter, sternocleidomastoid, levator scapulae)
15740	Flap; island pedicle
15750	neurovascular pedicle
15756	Free muscle flap with or without skin with microvascular anastomosis
15757	Free skin flap with microvascular anastomosis
15758	Free fascial flap with microvascular anastomosis
15760	Graft; composite (eg, full thickness of external ear or nasal ala), including primary closure, donor area
15770	derma-fat-fascia

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- 15775 Punch graft for hair transplant, 1 to 15 punch grafts
  - 15776 more than 15 punch grafts
  - 15780 Dermabrasion; total face (eg, for acne scarring, fine wrinkling, rhytids, general keratosis)
  - 15781 segmental, face
  - 15788 Chemical peel, facial; epidermal
  - 15819 Cervicoplasty
  - 15820 Blepharoplasty, lower eyelid;
  - 15821 with extensive herniated fat pad
  - 15822 Blepharoplasty, upper eyelid
  - 15823 with excessive skin weighting down lid
  - 15824 Rhytidectomy; forehead
  - 15825 neck with platysmal tightening (platysmal flap, "P-flap")
  - 15826 glabellar frown lines
  - 15828 cheek, chin, and neck
  - 15829 superficial musculoaponeurotic system (SMAS) flap
  - 15838 excision, excessive skin and subcutaneous tissue (including lipectomy); submental fat pad
  - 15840 Graft for facial nerve paralysis; free fascia graft (including obtaining graft)
  - 15841 free muscle graft (including obtaining graft)
  - 15842 free muscle graft by microsurgical technique
  - 15845 regional muscle transfer
  - 15876 Suction assisted lipectomy; head and neck
  - 17106 Destruction of cutaneous vascular proliferative lesions (eg, laser technique); less than 10 cm
  - 17107 10.0 cm - 50.0 sq cm
  - 17108 over 50 cm
  - 17270 Destruction, malignant lesion, any method, scalp, neck; lesion diameter 0.5 cm or less
  - 17271 lesion diameter 0.6 to 1.0 cm
  - 17272 lesion diameter 1.1 to 2.0 cm
  - 17273 lesion diameter 2.1 to 3.0 cm
  - 17274 lesion diameter 3.1 to 4.0 cm
  - 17276 lesion diameter over 4.0 cm

- 17280 Destruction, malignant lesion, any method, face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips, mucous membrane; lesion diameter 0.5 cm or less
- 17281 lesion diameter 0.6 to 1.0 cm
- 17282 lesion diameter 1.1 to 2.0 cm
- 17283 lesion diameter 2.1 to 3.0 cm
- 17284 lesion diameter 3.1 to 4.0 cm
- 17286 lesion diameter over 4.0 cm
- 17304 Chemosurgery (Mohs' micrographic technique), including removal of all gross tumor, surgical excision of tissue specimens, mapping, color coding of specimens, microscopic examination of specimens by the surgeon, and complete histopathologic preparation
- 17999 Unlisted procedure, skin, mucous membrane and subcutaneous tissue [use for laser resurfacing and Botox injections]
- 20955 Bone graft with microvascular anastomosis; fibula
- 20962 other than fibula, iliac crest, or metatarsal [use for scapula]
- 20969 Free osteocutaneous flap with microvascular anastomosis
- 21044 Excision of malignant tumor of mandible;
- 21120 Genioplasty; augmentation (autograft, allograft, prosthetic material)
- 21121 sliding osteotomy, single piece
- 21122 sliding osteotomies, 2 or more osteotomies (eg, wedge excision or bone wedge reversal for asymmetrical chin)
- 21123 sliding, augmentation with interpositional bone grafts
- 21125 Augmentation, mandibular body or angle; prosthetic material
- 21127 with bone graft, onlay or interpositional (includes obtaining autograft)
- 21137 Reduction forehead; contouring only
- 21138 contouring and application of prosthetic material or bone graft (includes obtaining autograft)
- 21139 contouring and setback of anterior frontal sinus wall

- 21141 Reconstruction midface, LeFort I; single piece, segment movement in any direction (eg, for Long Face Syndrome), without bone graft
- 21142 two pieces, segment movement in any direction, without bone graft
- 21143 three or more pieces, segment movement in any direction, without bone graft
- 21145 single piece, segment movement in any direction, requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining autograft)
- 21146 two pieces, segment movement in any direction, requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining autograft) (eg, ungrafted unilateral alveolar cleft)
- 21147 three or more pieces, segment movement in any direction, requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining autograft) (eg, ungrafted bilateral alveolar cleft or multiple osteotomies)
- 21150 Reconstruction midface, LeFort II; anterior intrusion (eg, Treacher-Collins Syndrome)
- 21151 any direction, requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts)
- 21154 Reconstruction midface, LeFort III (extracranial), any type, requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts); without LeFort I
- 21155 with LeFort I
- 21159 Reconstruction midface, LeFort III (extra and intracranial) with forehead advancement (eg, mono bloc), requiring bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts); without LeFort I
- 21160 with LeFort I
- 21172 Reconstruction superior-lateral orbital rim and lower forehead, advancement or alteration, with or without grafts (includes obtaining autografts)
- 21175 Reconstruction, bifrontal, superior-lateral orbital rims and lower forehead, advancement or alteration (eg, plagiocephaly, trigonocephaly, brachycephaly), with or without grafts (includes obtaining autografts)

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- 21179 Reconstruction, entire or majority of forehead and/or supraorbital rims; with grafts (allograft or prosthetic material)
- 21180 with autograft (includes obtaining grafts)
- 21181 Reconstruction by contouring of benign tumor of cranial bones (eg, fibrous dysplasia), extracranial
- 21182 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); total area of bone grafting less than 40 cm<sup>2</sup>
- 21183 total area of bone grafting greater than 40 cm<sup>2</sup> but less than 80 cm<sup>2</sup>
- 21184 total area of bone grafting greater than 80 cm<sup>2</sup>
- 21188 Reconstruction midface, osteotomies (other than LeFort type) and bone grafts (includes obtaining autografts)
- 21193 Reconstruction of mandibular rami, horizontal, vertical, "C", or "L" osteotomy; without bone graft
- 21194 with bone graft (includes obtaining graft)
- 21195 Reconstruction of mandibular rami; and/or body, sagittal split; without internal rigid fixation
- 21196 with internal rigid fixation
- 21198 Osteotomy, mandible, segmental
- 21206 Osteotomy, maxilla, segmental (eg, Wassmund or Schuchard)
- 21208 Osteoplasty, facial bones; augmentation (autograft, allograft, or prosthetic implant)
- 21209 reduction
- 21210 Graft, bone; nasal, maxillary or malar areas (includes obtaining graft)
- 21215 mandible (includes obtaining graft)
- 21230 Graft; rib cartilage, autogenous, to face, chin, nose or ear (includes obtaining graft)

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- 21235 ear cartilage, autogenous, to nose or ear  
(includes obtaining graft)
- 21240 Arthroplasty, temporomandibular joint,  
with or without autograft, (includes  
obtaining graft)
- 21242 Arthroplasty, temporomandibular joint,  
with allograft
- 21243 Arthroplasty, temporomandibular joint,  
with prosthetic joint replacement
- 21244 Reconstruction of mandible, extraoral, with  
transosteal bone plate (eg, mandibular  
staple bone plate)
- 21245 Reconstruction of mandible or maxilla,  
subperiosteal implant; partial
- 21246 complete
- 21247 Reconstruction of mandibular condyle with  
bone and cartilage autografts (includes  
obtaining grafts) (eg, for hemifacial  
microsomia)
- 21248 Reconstruction of mandible or maxilla,  
endosteal implant (eg, blade, cylinder);  
partial
- 21249 complete
- 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)
- 21260 Periorbital osteotomies for orbital  
hypertelorism, with bone grafts;  
extracranial approach
- 21261 combined intra- and extracranial  
approach
- 21263 with forehead advancement
- 21267 Orbital repositioning, periorbital  
osteotomies, unilateral, with bone  
grafts; extracranial approach
- 21268 combined intra- and extracranial  
approach
- 21270 Malar augmentation, prosthetic material
- 21275 Secondary revision of orbitocraniofacial  
reconstruction

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- 21280 Medial canthopexy (separate procedure)  
21282 Lateral canthopexy  
21295 Reduction of masseter muscle and bone  
(eg, for treatment of benign masseteric  
hypertrophy); extraoral approach  
21296 intraoral approach  
21315 Closed treatment of nasal bone fracture;  
without stabilization  
21320 with stabilization  
21325 Open treatment of nasal fracture;  
uncomplicated  
21330 complicated, with internal and/or  
external skeletal fixation  
21335 with concomitant open treatment of  
fractured septum  
21336 Open treatment of nasal septal fracture,  
with or without stabilization  
21338 Open treatment of nasoethmoid fracture  
without external fixation  
21339 with external fixation  
21340 Percutaneous treatment of nasoethmoid  
complex fracture, with splint, wire or  
headcap fixation, including repair of  
canthal ligaments and/or the nasolacri  
mal apparatus  
21343 Open treatment of depressed frontal sinus  
fracture  
21344 Open treatment of complicated (eg,  
comminuted or involving posterior wall)  
frontal sinus fracture, via coronal or  
multiple approaches  
21345 Closed treatment of nasomaxillary complex  
fracture (LeFort II type), with interdental  
wire fixation or fixation of denture or  
splint  
21346 Open treatment of nasomaxillary complex  
fracture (LeFort II type); with wiring and/  
or local fixation  
21347 requiring multiple open approaches  
21348 with bone grafting (includes obtaining  
graft)  
21355 Percutaneous treatment of fracture of  
malar area, including zygomatic arch and  
malar tripod, with manipulation

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- 21356 Open treatment of depressed zygomatic arch fracture (eg, Gilles approach)
- 21360 Open treatment of depressed malar fracture, including zygomatic arch and malar tripod
- 21365 Open treatment of complicated (eg, comminuted or involving cranial nerve foramina) fracture(s) of malar area, including zygomatic arch and malar tripod; with internal fixation and multiple surgical approaches
- 21366 with bone grafting (includes obtaining graft)
- 21385 Open treatment of orbital floor "blowout" fracture; transantral approach (Caldwell-Luc type operation)
- 21386 periorbital approach
- 21387 combined approach
- 21390 periorbital approach, with alloplastic or other implant
- 21395 periorbital approach with bone graft (includes obtaining graft)
- 21400 Closed treatment of fracture of orbit, except "blowout"; without manipulation
- 21401 with manipulation
- 21406 Open treatment of fracture of orbit, except "blowout"; without implant
- 21407 with implant
- 21408 with bone grafting (includes obtaining graft)
- 21421 Closed treatment of palatal or maxillary fracture (LeFort I type), with interdental wire fixation or fixation of denture or splint
- 21422 Open treatment of palatal or maxillary fracture (LeFort I type);
- 21423 complicated (comminuted or involving cranial nerve foramina), multiple approaches
- 21431 Closed treatment of craniofacial separation (LeFort III type) using interdental wire fixation of denture or splint

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- 21432 Open treatment of craniofacial separation (LeFort III type); with wiring and/or internal fixation
- 21433 complicated (eg, comminuted or involving cranial nerve foramina), multiple surgical approaches
- 21435 complicated, utilizing internal and/or external fixation techniques (eg, head cap, halo device, and/or intermaxillary fixation)
- 21436 complicated, multiple surgical approaches, internal fixation, with bone grafting (includes obtaining graft)
- 21440 Closed treatment of mandibular or maxillary alveolar ridge fracture (separate procedure)
- 21445 Open treatment of mandibular or maxillary alveolar ridge fracture (separate procedure)
- 21450 Closed treatment of mandibular fracture; without manipulation
- 21451 with manipulation
- 21452 Percutaneous treatment of mandibular fracture, with external fixation
- 21453 Closed treatment of mandibular fracture with interdental fixation
- 21454 Open treatment of mandibular fracture with external fixation
- 21461 Open treatment of mandibular fracture; without interdental fixation
- 21462 with interdental fixation
- 21465 Open treatment of mandibular condylar fracture
- 21470 Open treatment of complicated mandibular fracture by multiple surgical approaches including internal fixation, interdental fixation, and/or wiring of dentures or splints
- 30118 Excision or destruction, any method (including laser), intranasal lesion; external approach (lateral rhinotomy)
- 30120 Excision or surgical planing of skin of nose for rhinophyma

- 30124 Excision dermoid cyst, nose; simple, skin, subcutaneous
- 30125 complex, under bone or cartilage
- 30150 Rhinectomy; partial
- 30160 total
- 30400 Rhinoplasty, primary; lateral and alar cartilages and/or elevation of nasal tip
- 30410 complete, external parts including bony pyramid, lateral and alar cartilages, and/or elevation of nasal tip
- 30420 including major septal repair
- 30430 Rhinoplasty, secondary; minor revision (small amount of nasal tip work)
- 30435 intermediate revision (bony work with osteotomies)
- 30450 major revision (nasal tip work and osteotomies)
- 30460 Rhinoplasty for nasal deformity secondary to congenital cleft lip and/or palate, including columellar lengthening; tip only
- 30462 tip, septum, osteotomies
- 30520 Septoplasty or submucous resection, with or without cartilage scoring, contouring or replacement with graft
- 30540 Repair choanal atresia; intranasal
- 30545 transpalatine
- 30580 Repair fistula; oromaxillary
- 30600 oronasal
- 30630 Repair nasal septal perforations
- 31225 Maxillectomy; without orbital exenteration
- 31230 with orbital exenteration (en bloc)
- 31750 Tracheoplasty; cervical
- 31780 Excision tracheal stenosis and anastomosis; cervical
- 31825 Surgical closure tracheostomy or fistula; with plastic repair
- 31830 Revision of tracheostomy scar
- 38555 Excision of cystic hygroma, cervical; with deep neurovascular dissection
- 38700 Suprahyoid lymphadenectomy
- 38720 Cervical lymphadenectomy (complete)
- 38724 Cervical lymphadenectomy (modified radical neck dissection)

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- 40500 Vermilionectomy (lip shave), with mucosal advancement
- 40510 Excision of lip; transverse wedge excision with primary closure
- 40520 V-excision with primary direct linear closure
- 40525 full thickness, reconstruction with local flap (eg, Estlander or fan)
- 40527 full thickness, reconstruction with cross lip flap (Abbe-Estlander)
- 40650 Repair lip, full thickness; vermilion only
- 40652 up to half vertical height
- 40654 over one-half vertical height, or complex
- 40700 Plastic repair of cleft lip/nasal deformity; primary, partial or complete, unilateral
- 40701 primary bilateral, one stage procedure
- 40702 primary bilateral, one of two stages
- 40720 secondary, by recreation of defect and reclosure
- 40761 with cross lip pedicle flap (Abbe-Estlander type), including sectioning and inserting of pedicle
- 40840 Vestibuloplasty; anterior
- 41130 Glossectomy; hemiglossectomy
- 41135 partial with unilateral radical neck dissection
- 41140 complete or total, with or without tracheostomy, without radical neck dissection
- 41145 complete or total, with or without tracheostomy, with unilateral radical neck dissection
- 41150 composite procedure with resection floor of mouth and mandibular resection, without radical neck dissection
- 41153 composite procedure with resection floor of mouth, with suprahyoid neck dissection
- 41155 composite procedure with resection floor of mouth, mandibular resection, and radical neck dissection (Commando type)
- 42107 Excision, lesion of palate; with local flap closure
- 42120 Resection of palate or extensive resection of lesion

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- 42200 Palatoplasty for cleft palate, soft and/or hard palate only
  - 42205 Palatoplasty for cleft palate, with closure of alveolar ridge; soft tissue only
  - 42210 with bone graft to alveolar ridge (includes obtaining graft)
  - 42215 Palatoplasty for cleft palate; major revision
  - 42220 secondary lengthening procedure
  - 42225 attachment pharyngeal flap
  - 42226 Lengthening of palate, and pharyngeal flap
  - 42227 Lengthening of palate, with island flap
  - 42235 Repair of anterior palate, including vomer flap
  - 42260 Repair of nasolabial fistula
  - 42415 Excision of parotid tumor or parotid gland; lateral lobe, with dissection and preservation of facial nerve
  - 42420 total, with dissection and preservation of facial nerve
  - 42425 total, en bloc removal with sacrifice of facial nerve
  - 42426 total, with unilateral radical neck dissection
  - 42815 Excision branchial cleft cyst, vestige, or fistula, extending beneath subcutaneous tissues and/or into pharynx
  - 42844 Radical resection of tonsil; closure with local flap (eg, tongue, buccal)
  - 42845 closure with other flap
  - 42892 Resection of lateral pharyngeal wall or pyriform sinus, direct closure by advancement of lateral and posterior pharyngeal walls
  - 42894 Resection of pharyngeal wall requiring closure with myocutaneous flap
  - 42950 Pharyngoplasty (plastic or reconstructive operation on pharynx)
  - 42953 Pharyngoesophageal repair
  - 43116 Partial esophagectomy, cervical, with free intestinal graft, including microvascular anastomosis, obtaining the graft and intestinal reconstruction

- 43300 Esophagoplasty, (plastic repair or reconstruction), cervical approach; without repair of tracheoesophageal fistula
- 43305 with repair of tracheoesophageal fistula
- 43496 Free jejunum transfer with microvascular anastomosis
- 60210 Partial thyroid lobectomy, unilateral; with or without isthmusectomy
- 60212 with contralateral subtotal lobectomy, including isthmusectomy
- 60220 Total thyroid lobectomy, unilateral; with or without isthmusectomy
- 60225 with contralateral subtotal lobectomy, including isthmusectomy
- 60240 Thyroidectomy, total or complete
- 60252 Thyroidectomy, total or subtotal for malignancy; with limited neck dissection
- 60254 with radical neck dissection
- 60260 Thyroidectomy, removal of all remaining thyroid tissue following previous removal of a portion of thyroid
- 60270 Thyroidectomy, including substernal thyroid gland; sternal split or transthoracic approach
- 60271 cervical approach
- 60280 Excision of thyroglossal duct cyst or sinus
- 60281 recurrent
- 64864 Suture of facial nerve; extracranial
- 64865 infratemporal, with or without grafting
- 64866 Anastomosis; facial-spinal accessory
- 64868 facial-hypoglossal
- 64870 facial-phrenic
- 64872 Suture of nerve; requiring secondary or delayed suture
- 64874 requiring extensive mobilization, or transposition of nerve
- 64876 requiring shortening of bone of extremity
- 64885 Nerve graft (includes obtaining graft), head or neck; up to 4 cm in length
- 64886 more than 4 cm length
- 64890 Nerve graft (includes obtaining graft), single strand, hand or foot; up to 4 cm length

- 64891 more than 4 cm length
- 64892 Nerve graft (includes obtaining graft),  
single strand, arm or leg; up to 4 cm  
length
- 64893 more than 4 cm length
- 64895 Nerve graft (includes obtaining graft),  
multiple strands (cable), hand or foot; up  
to 4 cm length
- 64896 more than 4 cm length
- 64897 Nerve graft (includes obtaining graft),  
multiple strands (cable), arm or leg; up  
to 4 cm length
- 64898 more than 4 cm length
- 64901 Nerve graft, each additional nerve; single  
strand
- 64902 multiple strands (cable)
- 64905 Nerve pedicle transfer; first stage
- 64907 second stage
- 67900 Repair of brow ptosis (supraciliary,  
midforehead or coronal approach)
- 67901 Repair of blepharoptosis; frontalis muscle  
technique with suture or other material
- 67902 frontalis muscle technique with fascial  
sling (includes obtaining fascia)
- 67903 (tarso) levator resection or  
advancement, internal approach
- 67904 (tarso)levator resection or advancement,  
external approach
- 67906 superior rectus technique with fascial  
sling (includes obtaining fascia)
- 67908 conjunctivo-tarso-Muller's muscle-  
levator resection (eg, Fasanella-Servat  
type)
- 67909 Reduction of overcorrection of ptosis
- 67911 Correction of lid retraction
- 67914 Repair of ectropion; suture
- 67915 thermocauterization
- 67916 blepharoplasty, excision tarsal wedge
- 67917 blepharoplasty, extensive (eg, Kuhnt-  
Szymanowski or tarsal strip operations)
- 67921 Repair of entropion; suture
- 67922 thermocauterization
- 67923 blepharoplasty, excision tarsal wedge

- 67924 blepharoplasty, extensive (eg, Wheeler operation)
- 67930 Suture of recent wound, eyelid, involving lid margin, tarsus, and/or palpebral conjunctiva direct closure; partial thickness
- 67935 full thickness
- 67950 Canthoplasty (reconstruction of canthus)
- 67961 Excision and repair of eyelid, involving lid margin, tarsus, conjunctiva, canthus, or full thickness, may include preparation for skin graft or pedicle flap with adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement; up to one-fourth of lid margin
- 67966 over one-fourth of lid margin
- 67971 Reconstruction of eyelid, full thickness by transfer of tarsoconjunctival flap from opposing eyelid; up to two-thirds of eyelid, one stage or first stage
- 67973 total eyelid, lower, one stage or first stage
- 67974 total eyelid, upper, one stage or first stage
- 67975 second stage
- 68700 Plastic repair of canaliculi
- 68720 Dacryocystorhinostomy (fistulization of lacrimal sac to nasal cavity)
- 69005 Drainage external ear, abscess or hematoma; complicated
- 69110 Excision external ear; partial, simple repair
- 69120 complete amputation
- 69150 Radical excision external auditory canal lesion; without neck dissection
- 69155 with neck dissection
- 69300 Otoplasty, protruding ear, with or without size reduction
- 69310 Reconstruction of external auditory canal (meatoplasty) (eg, for stenosis due to trauma, infection) (separate procedure)
- 69320 Reconstruction of external auditory canal for congenital atresia, single stage
- 69535 Resection temporal bone, external approach

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