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#### Goal of Correct Billing and Coding:

Get paid for the work you are doing, working within the parameters of the rules and guidelines of payers

With this in mind, how much work are we doing? Quick numbers:

- 365 days in a year, 260 total workdays per Feds
- 20 vacation + 10 CME days per year = 230 workdays

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How much work are we doing?

But is it really 230 work days?

2/3-1/3 model with 1/2 day admin

- 3 days clinic/wk, 1.5 days per week in OR
- 4.5 days / 5 days = 90% of the 230 days =
  - -it's really 207 "days"

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Lets Talk MONEY

## Goal: Salary of \$500,000 (lets do this!)

- Conversion factor of 55 \$/wRVU
  - range is HUGE (36-75)
- RVU target 9100 wRVU/207 days = 44 wRVU/day

To get the RVUs we need, we need PATIENTS...

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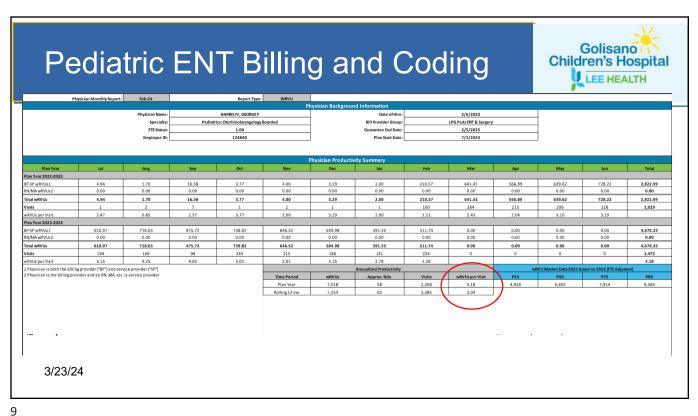
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## Continued how much work are we doing?

#### **Patient Load**

- 137 clinic days
- Hours 8am 4pm, 1h lunch = 7h
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  - · Check productivity...





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- What is the average wRVU per patient?
  - 3 wRVU / visit
- So, how many patients do we need to see?
- Schedule ≠ See
  - Factor in 20-25% no show (institutions will say its 10-15%)
- Need about 3-4 patients per hour on schedule



# We want to achieve 3 wRVU per visit Is this achievable?

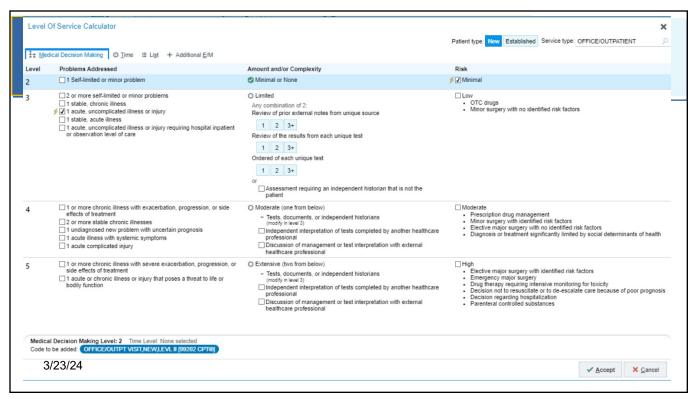
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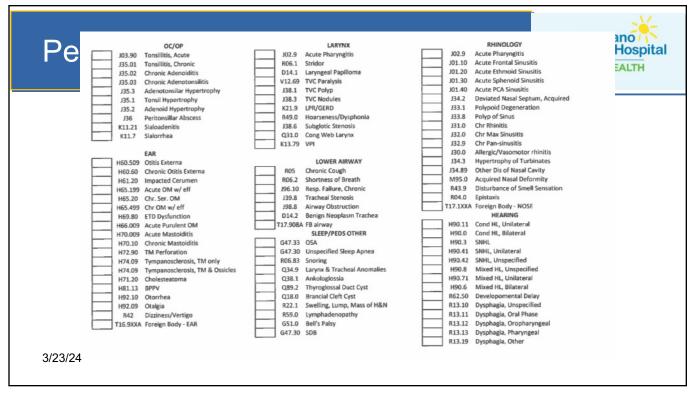
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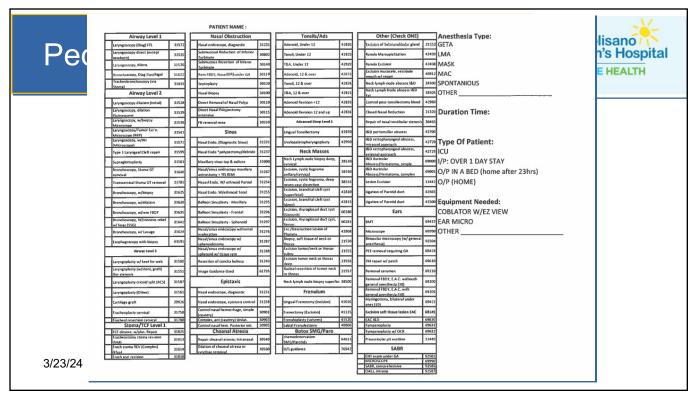
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## MUST know how to document your E&M levels









#### Example:

New Patient, eval for T&A

- Parent is historian
  - Level 3 at least
- OSA symptoms for > 1year, worsening over 3-6 mo
  - (chronic condition, exacerbation & will need surgery)
- Has reactive airway disease
  - (Comorbidity affecting surgical risk)
- Adenoidal hypertrophy difficult to determine visually

• Needs Nasal endoscopy to confirm dx - 31231



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- Finally severe exacerbation vs exacerbation?
  - Major Surgery needed BY DEFINITION is severe

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#### Pediatric ENT evaluation record

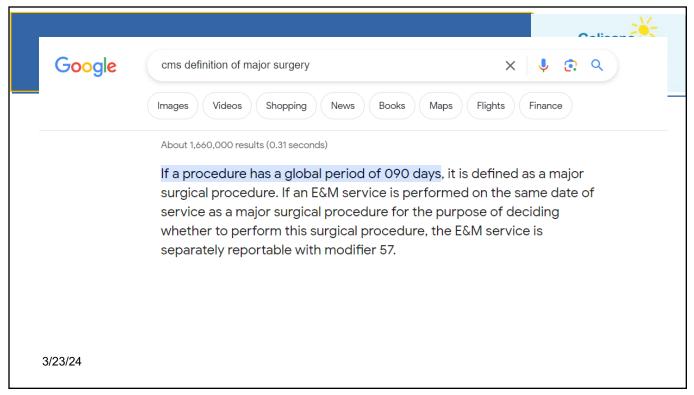
Evaluation takes place with guardians providing answers to questions and filling in all background information unless otherwise noted, therefore it is considered that PARENTS/GUARDIANS ACTED AS INDEPENDENT HISTORIAN/S FOR THIS EVALUATION. (Level 3)

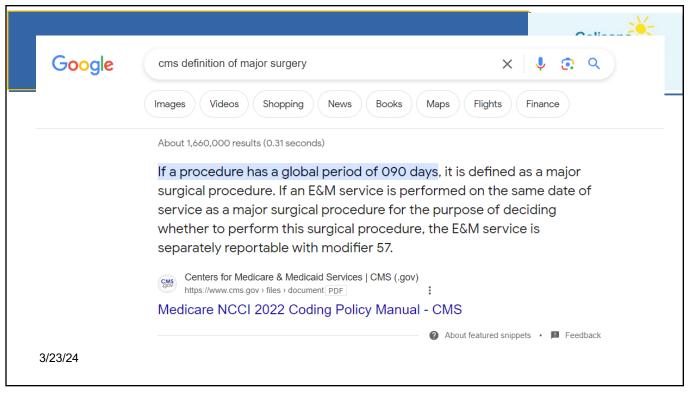
Child able to give age-appropriate answers and incorporated into note as well.

Of note, we discussed medications and medical management as needed, including possible prescriptions. (Level 4) Note, visit complexity inherent to the evaluation and management IS DOCUMENTED WHEN associated with the medical care services provided in THIS clinic that service the continuing focal point of medical care services that are including the ongoing care related to this patient's single (or at times multiple) potentially serious condition or complex condition (requiring surgery at times). (G2211)

5 y.o. female with adenotonsillar hypertrophy, sleep disordered breathing. Mild to moderate obstructive sleep apnea. This **severe exacerbation / progression of a chronic** illness has significant risk of morbidity (risk classified as MAJOR SURGERY by CMS) and may require hospital (surgical) level of care. Risks: osa. ath

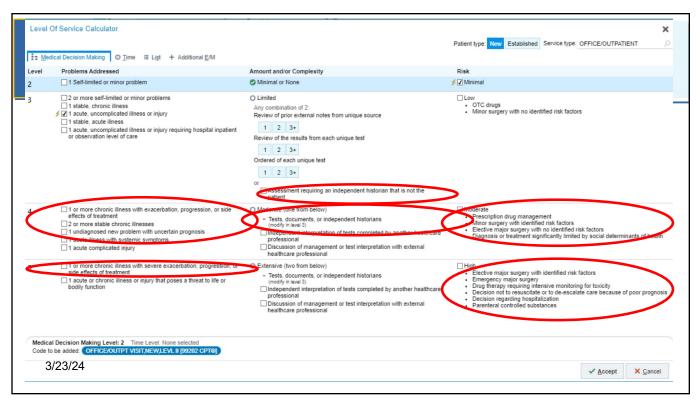
Recommend Tonsil and adenoid removal







Global Surgery Calculator	
Method 1: To determine when the global period ends for a major surgical procedure with a global period, please enter the date of surgery. A date picker box will then help guide you through the rest of the process.	Method 2: You can look up your 2024 procedure code global days requirement by using this tool. Enter your procedure code. Alternatively, you can go straight to our Medicare Physicians Fee Schedule Tool and lookup your code there.
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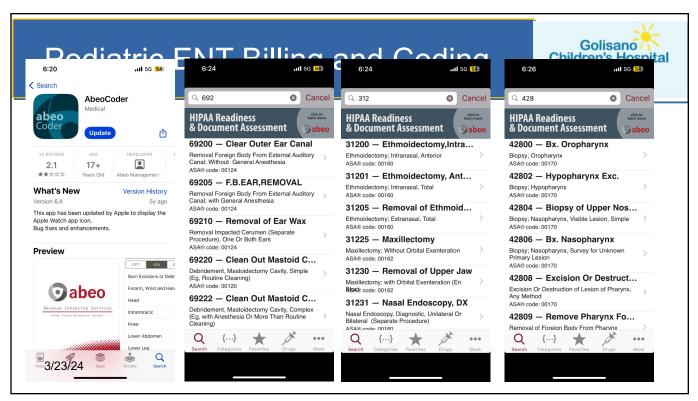
If you don't remember anything else from my talk, remember this:

If the discussion for surgery involves a procedure with a 90 day global period,

#### it is by definition MAJOR SURGERY

and will automatically be level 4 or level 5 E&M code

With ANY comorbidities, even ones you personally do not manage but which will factor at some point (for example to Anesthesia service), it will be a 5 3/23/24



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CPT Code	Service Description	Office	Facility	RVUs (Non- Facility/Facility)*	
	Office or Other Outpatient Visit, New Patie	nt <sup>a</sup>			
99202 <sup>†</sup>	Straightforward medical decision making or 15-29 minutes	\$72.86	\$48.12	2.15/1.42	
99203 <sup>†</sup>	Low level of medical decision making or 30-44 minutes	\$112.85	\$83.03	3.33/2.45	
99204 <sup>†</sup>	Moderate level of medical decision making or 45-59 minutes	\$167.42	\$132.17	4.94/3.94	
99205 <sup>†</sup>	High level of medical decision making or 60-74 minutes	\$220.96	\$181.31	6.52/5.35	
	Office or Other Outpatient Visit, Established Pa	atient			
99211	Evaluation and management (E/M) that may not require the presence of a physician or other qualified health care professional (QHP)	\$23.38	\$8.81	0.69/0.26	
99212 <sup>†</sup>	Straightforward medical decision making or 10-19 minutes	\$56.93	\$35.58	1.68/1.05	
99213 <sup>†</sup>	Low level of medical decision making or 20-29 minutes	\$90.83	\$66.10	2.68/1.95	
99214 <sup>†</sup>	Moderate level of medical decision making or 30-39 minutes	\$128.44	\$97.60	3.79/2.88	
99215 <sup>†</sup>	High level of medical decision making or 40-54 minutes	\$179.96	\$143.35	5.31/4.23	
	Office or Other Outpatient Consultations, New or Estab	lished Patie	nt <sup>b</sup>		
99242 <sup>†</sup>	Straightforward medical decision making or at least 20 minutes	\$76.25	\$56.26	2.25/1.66	
99243 <sup>†</sup>	Low level of medical decision making or at least 30 minutes	\$114.21	\$88.79	3.37/2.62	
99244 <sup>†</sup>	Moderate level of medical decision making or at least 40 minutes	\$163.35	\$135.56	4.82/4.00	
2 <del>3924</del> 5†	High level of medical decision making or at least 55 minutes	\$213.17	\$181.31	6.29/5.35	

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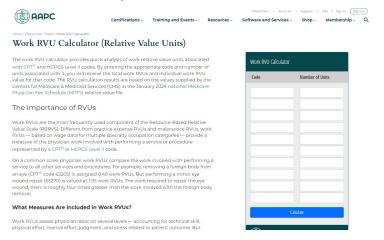


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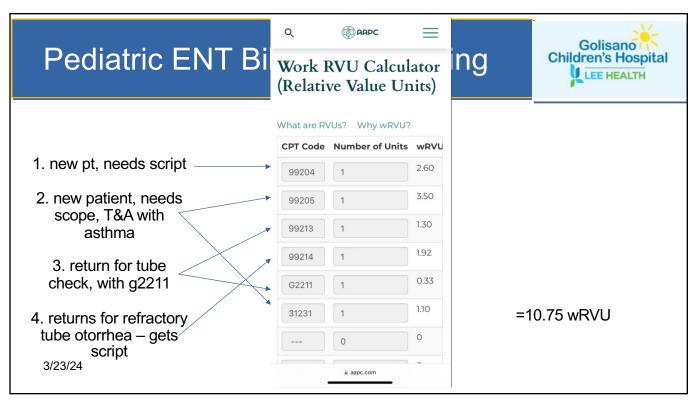
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#### https://www.aapc.com/tools/rvu-calculator.aspx



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Questions, discussion, opinions? What did I say WRONG?

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## Thank you