

## UPDATES IN RETINAL CODING

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## Disclosures

- No relevant disclosures

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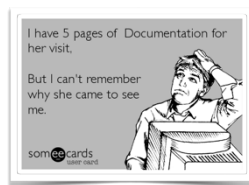
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## Overview

- **Who Cares?**
- Surgical Coding Goals
- Basic Coding Categories
- Surgical Modifiers
- Cases
- Take Aways



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Who Cares?

Article Date: 7/1/2015  
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The unkindest cuts of all? They might as well be. Retinal surgeon Calzada discusses CMS's reductions of multi-

4 January  
BY i

Reimbursement Changes in Retina  
Retina specialists face changes in reimbursement through Medicare in 2015. Will they affect the financial viability of medical practices?

CMS Targets Ophthalmology For Reimbursement Reductions  
Posted by Victoria in Ophthalmology Practice Management | comments

possible to reverse \$ reimbursement

How Medicare Reimbursement Cuts Are Reshaping Ophthalmology  
Laird Harrison  
Disclosures | December 23, 2015

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Who Cares?

Surgical Codes	2017	2016	% Change
67036	\$927.67	\$923.95	0.40%
67039	\$994.15	\$989.51	0.47%
67040	\$1,074.85	\$1,069.54	0.50%
67041	\$1,186.45	\$1,181.81	0.39%
67042	\$1,187.54	\$1,182.17	0.45%
67043	\$1,254.05	\$1,248.08	0.48%
67107	\$1,166.81	\$1,042.73	11.90%
67108	\$1,237.33	\$1,328.75	-6.88%
67113	\$1,380.79	\$1,445.27	-4.46%

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Who Cares?

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## Who Cares?

Imaging Codes	2017	2016	% Change
92250	\$67.47	\$80.13	-15.80%
92235	\$87.88	\$111.64	-21.28%
92240	\$212.81	\$259.43	-17.97%
92242	\$232.06	N/A	
92134	\$42.14	\$45.94	-8.27%
76512	\$95.20	\$94.77	0.45%
67028	\$104.97	\$104.56	0.39%




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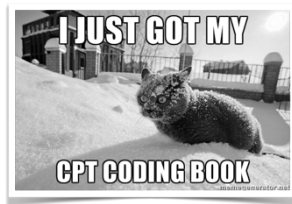
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## Coding Goals

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## Coding Goals

- Convert the physical work a surgeon has done into codes reflecting the services provided
- **Getting paid for the work you've done - no more, no less**
- Avoid - Inaccurate Coding
- Avoid - Undercoding for services actually provided




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## Basic Coding Categories

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## Coding

- All Dollars Reflect 2017 CMS Data
- Houston, TX Locality
- Compared against the most current CCI edits for mutual exclusivity


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## Coding

- Office Based Diagnostics
- Office Based Surgery
- Surgical Codes
- Vitrectomy Codes
- RD Codes
- Lens Codes
- Trauma Codes




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## Office Based Diagnostics

- 99235 and 92240 cannot be billed together - replaced by 92242

- Loss of laterality for 92235 and 92240

Name	Imaging / Injections	2017	2016	Change
Fundus Photos	92250	\$67.47	\$80.13	-15.80%
 GRUMPY		\$87.88	\$111.64	-21.28%
		\$212.81	\$259.43	-17.97%
		\$232.06	N/A	
		\$42.14	\$45.94	-8.27%
		\$95.20	\$94.77	0.45%

## Imaging/Injections

- Current CCI Edits for Imaging:
- 92134 OCT and 92250 Photos are mutually exclusive
- 92240 ICG and 92250 Photos are mutually exclusive
- 92242 ICG/FA is mutually exclusive with 92235, 92240 & 92250 but NOT 92134
- 92235 FA and 92250 Photos are NOT mutually exclusive

## Office Based Surgery

- RDs have new 10-day global
- RTs continue 90-day global
- Lasers have remained stable
- Pneumatic Retinopexy Increased

	CPT	2017	2016	Change
Cryo RD	67101	\$336.86	\$801.11	-57.95%
Laser RD	67105	\$304.95	\$735.47	-58.54%
Cryo RT	67141	\$538.07	\$535.84	0.42%
Laser RT	67145			0.41%
Pneumatic	67110			15.90%



### Vitrectomy Codes

• 67036 - Vitrectomy	\$927.67
• 67039 - Vitrectomy with Endolaser Focal	\$994.15
• 67040 - Vitrectomy with Endolaser PRP	\$1,074.85
• 67041 - Vitrectomy with Membrane Peeling	\$1,186.45
• 67042 - Vitrectomy with ILM Peeling	\$1,187.54
• 67043 - Vitrectomy with Removal of subretinal membrane	\$1,254.05

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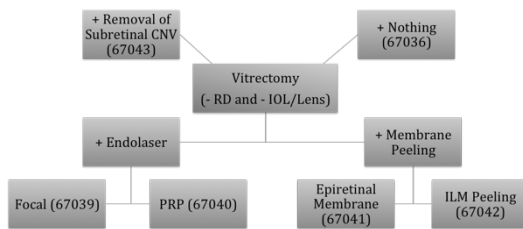
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### Vitrectomy Chart




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### Retinal Detachment Codes

• 67107 - Repair of RD with Scleral Buckle	\$1,166.81
• 67108 - Repair of RD with Vitrectomy +/- Scleral Buckle	\$1,237.33
• 67110 - Repair of RD with injection of gas (Pneumatic Retinopexy)	\$901.15
• 67113 - Repair of Complex RD with membrane peeling (eg PVR stage C, Diabetic TRD, Retinopathy of Prematurity, Giant Retinal Tear)	\$1,380.79
• 67121 - Removal of implanted intraocular material (Silicone Oil Removal)	\$935.30




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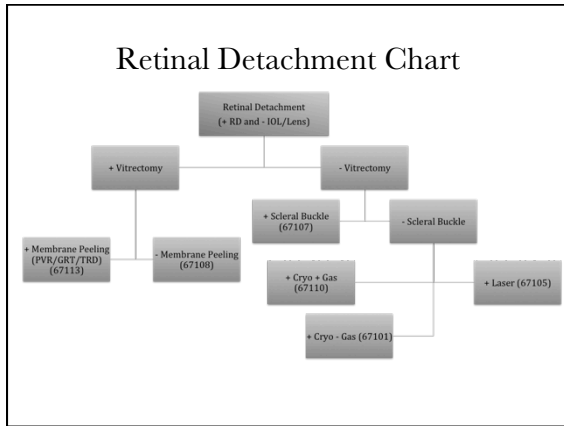
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### Lens/IOL Codes

• 67036 - Vitrectomy	\$927.67
• 66850 - Removal of Lens Material via Phaco/Frag	\$816.12
• 66825 - IOL Repositioning	\$781.34
• 66985 - IOL Insertion	\$792.47
• 66986 - IOL Exchange	\$935.66

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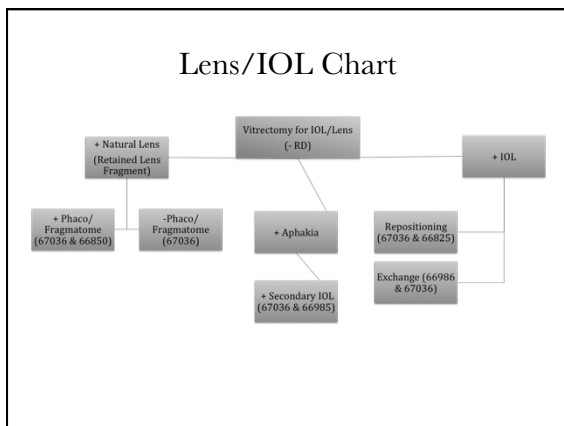
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## Trauma Codes

• 67036 - Vitrectomy	\$927.67
• 65280 Ruptured Globe Repair w/o Uvea	\$691.57
• 65285 Ruptured Globe Repair w/ Uvea	\$1,141.69
• 65235 Anterior Segment IOFB	\$730.26
• 65260 Posterior IOFB magnetic	\$988.60
• 65265 Posterior IOFB non-magnetic	\$1,112.86

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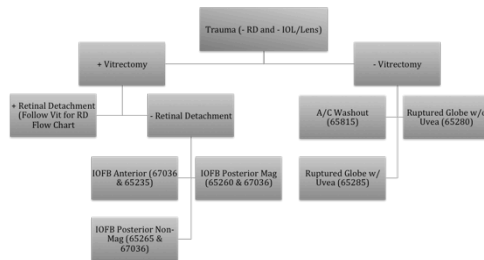
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## Trauma Chart




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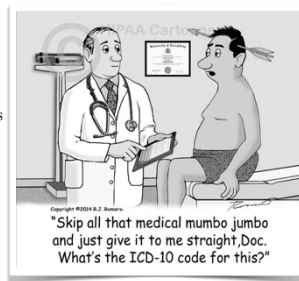
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## Surgical Modifiers

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### Surgical Modifier Codes

- -58 Staged or Related Procedure During the Postoperative Period
  - Lesser to Greater
  - Pre-planned or staged
  - Treatment post diagnostic procedure




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### Surgical Modifier Codes

- -59 Distinct Procedural Services - attempts to unbundle Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits
- -78 Unplanned return to the OR/procedure for a **Related** Procedure during Postoperative Period
- -79 Return to the OR/Procedure for an **Unrelated** Procedure during Postoperative Period

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### Cases

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### Coding Carefully




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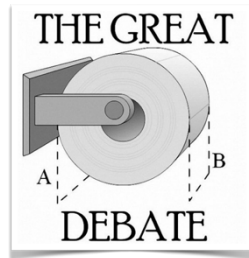
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### What Would You Do?

- 76 yo M with a retinal detachment treated in the office with cryo and gas bubble



\$564.29



67110	67101
\$777.53	2016 \$801.11
\$901.15	2017 \$336.86

- How would you code?

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### What Would You Do?

- 52 yo F suspected to have wAMD vs CSR and undergoes OCT, Fundus Photos, IVFA, and ICG - how would you code imaging

- ICG/IVFA 92242

- New code what are the CCI bundles

- Mutually exclusive with 92235 (IVFA), 92240 (ICG) & 92250 (Fundus)

- But can bill 92134 (OCT)

- **Correct: 92242 and 92134**

- Incorrect: 92242, 92250, 92134



\$164.59

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### What Would You Do?

- 74 yo female underwent CE/IOL but had a dropped nuclear fragment
- Surgeon does a vitrectomy and removes the retained lens fragment using the vitrector
  - 66852 vs 67036  \$58.47
- Removes lens fragment with phaco/fragmentome
  - 67036 + 66850  \$408.06

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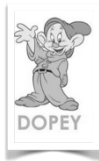
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### What Would You Do?

- 65 yo M with new flashes and floater x 1 week. Has retinal tear with 3 disc areas of subretinal fluid surrounding
- Surgeon does a laser treatment
- How would you code this?
  - 67105 (RD)  \$236.42
  - 67145 (RT)
- 1-week later pt seen and fluid has spread, now perform laser to RD
- Pneumatic/OR  \$304.95




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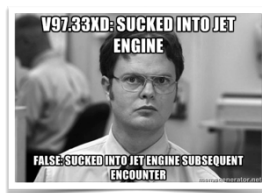
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### Take Aways

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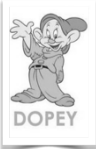




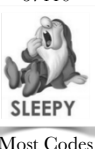

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**Takeaways**

 <b>DOPEY</b>	 <b>HAPPY</b>	 <b>SNEEZY</b>	 <b>GRUMPY</b>
67101/67105	67110	67108	92235/92240
 <b>DOC</b>	 <b>SLEEPY</b>	 <b>BASHFUL</b>	No code exists
Mod -58	Most Codes		

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**Thank you!**

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