

# Forecasting the Impact of the 2023 CPT coding Updates on Ventral Hernia wRVU

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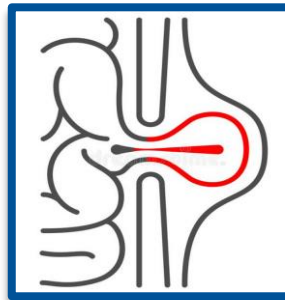
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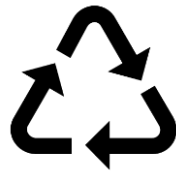
# Background



Anterior  
abdominal  
hernia



0-day  
global



Recurrent

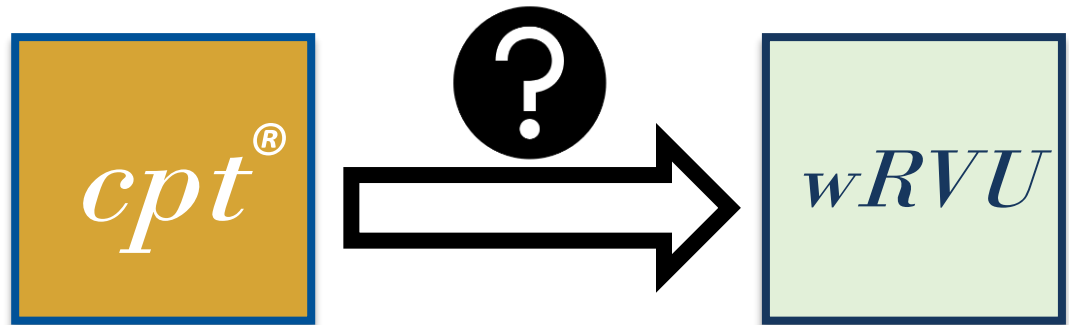


Defect size



Incarceration

# Objective



All ventral hernia repairs = 316

Excluded\*:

Lumbar/flank hernias = 11  
< 90 day follow up = 19  
No operation = 100  
Concomitant procedure = 48

Total included = 143

# Methods

Each procedure was coded **twice**

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Previous CPT codes

+49568

Umbilical  
Epigastric  
Spigelian

Robotic

Conversion  
to Open

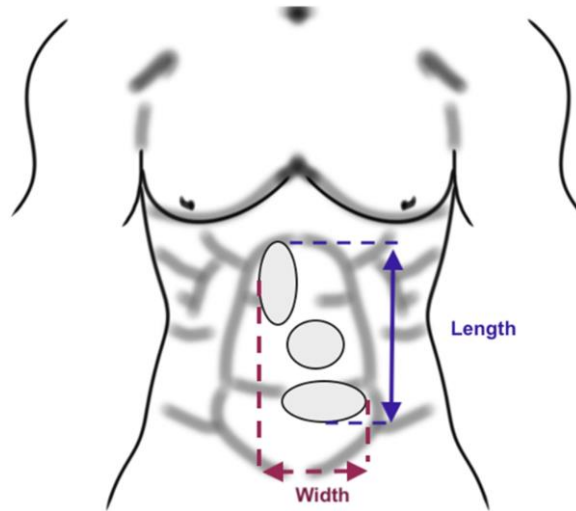
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New CPT codes

Defect  
measurement



Total 90-day wRVU =  
procedure wRVU + **postop care wRVU**

99238: Discharge < 30 minutes

99232: Subsequent Hospital Care, moderate

complexity 99213: Office established visit, low  
complexity

Methods

# Results – Hernia characteristics

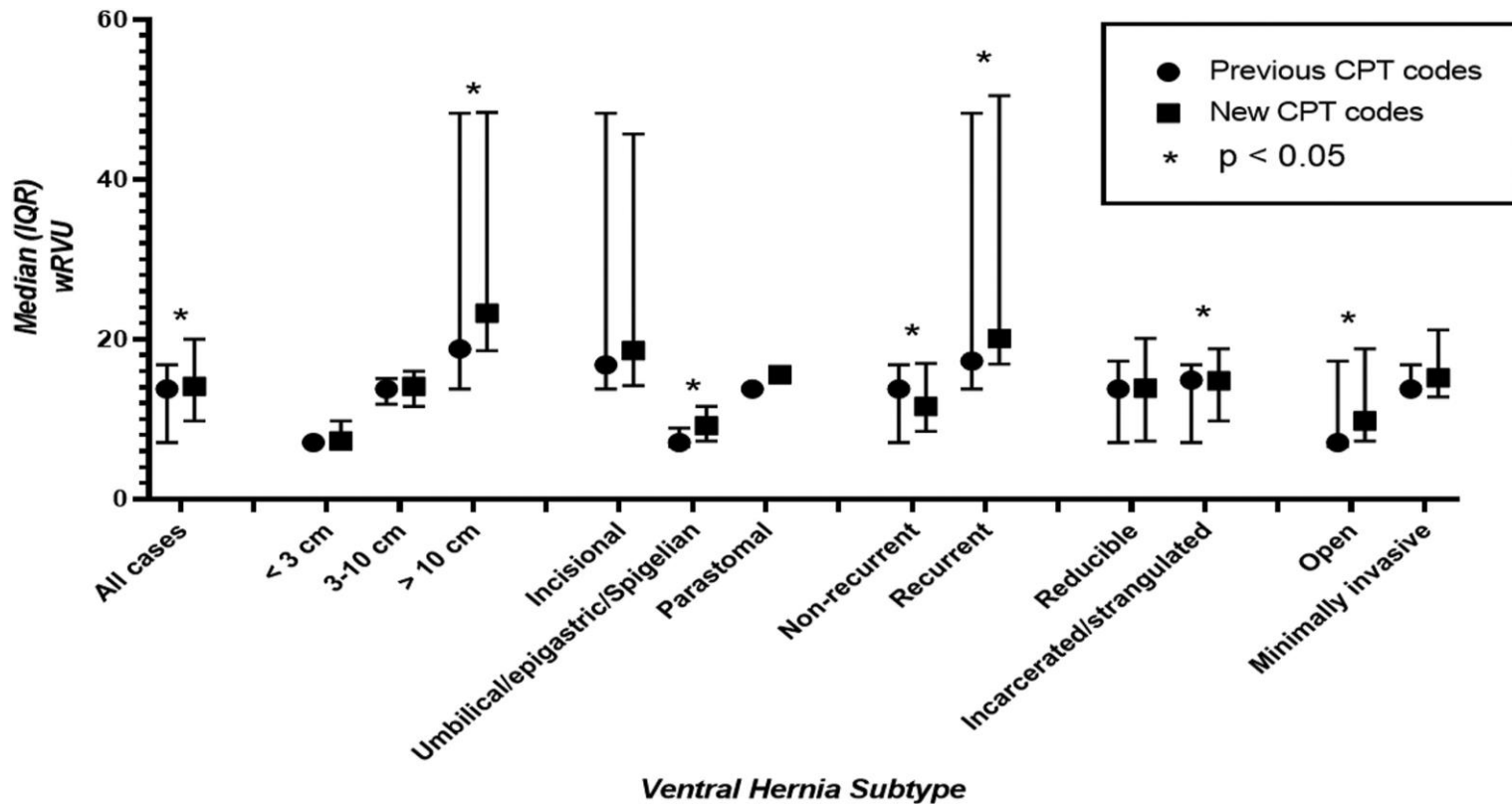
Characteristic	Total (N=143)
Defect width	3.5 (1.5-7.0)
Defect length	5.0 (2.0-12.0)
Type	
Incisional	81 (56.6)
Umbilical	47 (32.6)
Epigastric	17 (11.9)
Recurrent	29 (20.3)
Incarcerated	38 (26.6)

Characteristic	Total (N=143)
Elective	141 (98.6)
Approach	
MIS	73 (51.0)
Open	70 (49.0)
Component separation	33 (16.0)
Length of stay, median (d)	0.0 (0.0-1.0)
N. Of 90-d postop outpt visits, median	1.0 (1.0-1.0)



# Results – 90-day wRVU

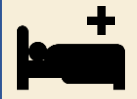
	Median 90-d wRVU per case		Median postop care wRVU
	Previous CPT codes	New CPT codes	
All cases	13.8	14.1	1.3 (9%)



# Conclusions

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CPT changes to have modest impact on wRVU



Postop care contributes to 9% of wRVU



Practice patterns & case mix make a difference



wRVU do not tell the entire story