

OPERATOR INSIGHTS

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Bedside Physicians Do's and Don'ts

Do

IPO List* procedures must remain Inpatient regardless of the length of stay

Remember! As a general rule:

Elective Outpatient procedure with no complications =
Outpatient Status

Emergent Outpatient procedure with complications;
LOS < 2 Midnights = **Observation Status**

Emergent Outpatient procedure with complications;
LOS ≥ 2 Midnights = **Inpatient Status**

Get prior approval for all elective surgical procedures when required by the payer

Specify all procedures and CPT codes

Update CPT codes and Operative notes ASAP for unexpected changes in procedure e.g. conversion from a laparoscopic to an open procedure

Don't

Don't place patients in Observation status before Outpatient surgery is performed (You are predicting complications)

Don't place post-operative patients in Observation status unless complications arise

Routine recovery time does not equal Observation

Don't use unspecified codes when scheduling procedures or add on procedures

Don't copy and paste

- IPO*(Inpatient Only) list created by Medicare includes high risk procedures that must be done in a hospital setting where all specialties are available if needed.
- IPO procedures cannot be done in an office or ambulatory surgical center (ASC).
- For questions about hospitalization status call your Ensemble physician advisor.



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