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  - Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC): Manage, review, and assess people facing hospitalization or surgery proactively with nearly 400 condition-specific guidelines, goals, optimal care pathways, and other decision-support tools.
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  - Recovery Facility Care (RFC): Coordinate an effective plan for transitioning people to skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs).
  - Chronic Care (CCG): Evaluate needs, identify goals, develop personalized care plans, and support effective self-care. The modular design supports quick and efficient assessments and enables you to manage multiple comorbidities and behavioral health conditions.
  - Behavioral Health Care (BHG): Provides evidence-based guidelines to help healthcare professionals guide the effective treatment of patients with psychiatric disorders.

- This document provides a high level summary of customizations and modifications made to MCG care guidelines (hereinafter referred to as “customized guidelines”).
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- The June 7, 2019 Issue Date reflects review and approval of the following new customization to MCG care guidelines 23rd edition based on November 1, 2019 Publish Date:
  - ISC Chemotherapy (W0162)
- The August 9, 2019 Issue Date reflects review of the following new customization to MCG care guidelines 23rd edition based on November 1, 2019 Publish Date:
  - ISC Repair of Pelvic Organ Prolapse (W0163)
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Types of Customizations:
1. Customizations to MCG care guidelines clinical indications based on integration with our coverage guideline and clinical UM guidelines and other third party criteria.

2. Customizations to MCG care guidelines clinical indications with changes to the original MCG criteria which include adding or revising appropriateness criteria.

3. Customizations to MCG care guidelines goal length of stay with changes to the original MCG criteria.

4. Other customizations to MCG care guidelines may include adding reference(s), or other changes to MCG care guidelines.

Review and Approval of Customizations:
The Medical Policy & Technology Assessment Committee (MPTAC) reviews and approves all customizations to MCG care guidelines. In addition, when a new edition of MCG care guidelines is released, the new edition is approved by the MPTAC.

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All customized guidelines include a “Guideline History” section that provides (1) the date of the Medical Policy & Technology Assessment Committee (MPTAC) meeting review and approval of the customization, and (2) a summary of the customization to the MCG care guidelines.

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**Inpatient & Surgical Care (ISC) Guideline Title**

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| (W0120) | Included note under Clinical Indications for Procedure: For elective, non-emergent percutaneous coronary intervention, see Cardiology Program Clinical Guidelines
|         | Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure:
|         | o Removed MCG clinical indications for elective PCI |

**Cardiology - Atrial Fibrillation (W0114)**

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- Included note under Clinical Indications for Admission to Inpatient Care: For transcatheter ablation of arrhythmogenic foci in the pulmonary veins as a treatment of atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter (radiofrequency and cryoablation), see CG-MED-64 Transcatheter Ablation of Arrhythmogenic Foci in the Pulmonary Veins as a Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation or Atrial Flutter (Radiofrequency and Cryoablation)

**Cardiology - Electrophysiologic Study and Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator (ICD) Insertion (W0011)**

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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure: For electrophysiologic study and insertion of implantable cardioverter-defibrillator, see the following:
  - CG-SURG-97 Cardioverter Defibrillators
  - CG-SURG-63 Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy with or without an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator for the Treatment of Heart Failure

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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure: For electrophysiologic study and intracardiac catheter ablation, see the following:
  - CG-SURG-55 Intracardiac Electrophysiological Studies (EPS) and Catheter Ablation
  - For transcatheter ablation of arrhythmogenic foci in the pulmonary veins as a treatment of atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter (radiofrequency and cryoablation), see the following:
    - CG-MED-64 Transcatheter Ablation of Arrhythmogenic Foci in the Pulmonary Veins as a Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation or Atrial Flutter (Radiofrequency and Cryoablation)

**Cardiology - Left Atrial Appendage Closure, Percutaneous (W0157)**

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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure: For percutaneous left atrial appendage closure, see the following:
  - SURG.00032 Transcatheter Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale and Left Atrial Appendage for Stroke Prevention

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**CV Surgery - Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Endovascular Repair (W0084)**

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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure: For abdominal aortic aneurysm, endovascular repair, see the following:
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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure: For transcatheter aortic valve replacement, see the following:  
  - SURG.00121 Transcatheter Heart Valve Procedures |
| CV Surgery - Cardiac Septal Defect: Atrial, Transcatheter Closure (W0016) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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- Included note under Clinical Indications for Procedure: For transcatheter closure of patent foramen ovale (PFO), see SURG.00032 Transcatheter Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale and Left Atrial Appendage for Stroke Prevention |
| CV Surgery - Cardiac Septal Defect: Ventricular, Repair (W0093) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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- Included note under Clinical Indications for Procedure: For transmyocardial/perventricular device closure of ventricular septal defects, see SURG.00123 Transmyocardial/Perventricular Device Closure of Ventricular Septal Defects |
| CV Surgery - Cardiac Valve Replacement or Repair (W0089) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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- Included note under Clinical Indications for Procedure: When the procedure uses the transcatheter approach (as opposed to open), see SURG.00121 Transcatheter Heart Valve Procedures |
| CV Surgery - Heart Transplant (W0017) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure: For heart transplant, see the following:  
  - TRANS.00026 Heart/Lung Transplantation  
  - TRANS.00033 Heart Transplantation |
| CV Surgery - Percutaneous Revascularization, Lower Extremity (W0121) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure: For percutaneous revascularization, lower extremity, see the following:  
  - CG-SURG-49 Endovascular Techniques (Percutaneous or Open Exposure) for Arterial Revascularization of the Lower Extremities |
| CV Surgery - Sympathectomy by Thoracoscopy or Laparoscopy (W0044) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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- Included note under Clinical Indications for Procedure: For treatment of hyperhidrosis, see CG-MED-63 Treatment of Hyperhidrosis  
- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure:  
  - Removed MCG clinical indication for hyperhidrosis |
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- Included note under Clinical Indications for Inpatient Care: For preoperative days for select musculoskeletal services reviewed with Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Guidelines, see Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines: Preoperative Admission  
- Revised Clinical Indications for Inpatient Care:  
  - For inpatient preoperative days, added indication, Conversion from warfarin (Coumadin®) to IV heparin for patients with mechanical heart valves or other high risk patients with contraindications to low-molecular-weight heparin (LMWH) or fractionated heparin  
- Added reference |
| Common Complications and Conditions Venous Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism (W0136) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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- Included note under Clinical Indications for Inpatient Care: For vena cava filter placement, see CG-SURG-59 Vena Cava Filters  
- Revised Clinical Indications for Inpatient Care:  
  - Removed MCG clinical indications for vena cava filter placement |
| General Surgery - Fundoplasty, Esophagogastrectomy by Laparoscopy (W0158) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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- Included note under Clinical Indications for Procedure: For paraesophageal hernia repair, see CG-SURG-92 Paraesophageal Hernia Repair |
| General Surgery - Gastric Restrictive Procedure with Gastric Bypass | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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- Title changed from Gastric Restrictive Procedure with Gastric Bypass to indicate Gastric Restrictive Procedure with or without Gastric Bypass  
- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure: For gastric restrictive procedure with or without gastric bypass, see the following:  
  - CG-SURG-83 Bariatric Surgery and Other Treatments for Clinically Severe Obesity  
- Updated Coding section with the following:  
  - Added ICD-10 Procedure codes: 0D190ZB, 0DB60Z3, 0DV60CZ, 0DW60CZ  
  - Added CPT® codes: 43842, 43843, 43845, 43848 |
| General Surgery - Gastric Restrictive Procedure with Gastric Bypass by Laparoscopy (W0014) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure: For gastric restrictive procedure with gastric bypass by laparoscopy, see the following:  
  - CG-SURG-83 Bariatric Surgery and Other Treatments for Clinically Severe Obesity  
- Updated Coding section with the following: |
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  - CG-SURG-83 Bariatric Surgery and Other Treatments for Clinically Severe Obesity |
| **General Surgery - Gastric Restrictive Procedure, Sleeve Gastrectomy, by Laparoscopy (W0102)** | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure: For gastric restrictive procedure, sleeve gastrectomy, by laparoscopy, see the following:  
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| **General Surgery - Hiatal Hernia Repair, Abdominal (W0159)** | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure: For liver transplant, see the following:  
  - TRANS.00008 Liver Transplantation |
| **General Surgery - Mastectomy, Complete (W0002)** | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure:  
  - For risk-reduction mastectomy and significantly elevated risk of breast cancer, added indications:  
    - Personal history of breast cancer  
    - Noninvasive histology indicating risk (eg, lobular carcinoma in situ or atypical hyperplasia)  
    - Extensive mammographic abnormalities (eg, calcifications) exist such that adequate biopsy is impossible  
  - Information regarding Federal or State mandates will supersede the guideline Length of Stay when applicable included under both Clinical Indications section and Goal Length of Stay (GLOS) section  
- Revised Goal Length of Stay (GLOS) to indicate 2 days postoperative rather than Ambulatory  
- Under the Goal Length of Stay (GLOS) section added:  
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- Revised Operative Status Criteria to indicate Inpatient rather than Ambulatory  
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  - Revised Goal Length of Stay (GLOS) to indicate 2 days postoperative rather than Ambulatory or 1 day postoperative  
  - Under the Goal Length of Stay (GLOS) section added:  
    - Reason: Organization approved 2 day stay  
    - Context: Organization accepted variance of 2 days  
  - Revised Operative Status Criteria to indicate Inpatient rather than Ambulatory or Inpatient  
  - Added references |
| **General Surgery - Mastectomy, Complete, with Tissue Flap Reconstruction (W0023)** | **Publish Date: June 24, 2019**  
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| **General Surgery - Mastectomy, Partial (Lumpectomy) (W0008)** | **Publish Date: June 24, 2019**  
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| **Hematology - Oncology - Chemotherapy (W0162)** | **Publish Date: November 1, 2019**  
**June 6, 2019 MPTAC review:**  
- Approval of May 16, 2019 Third Party Criteria Subcommittee of the MPTAC review  
**May 16, 2019 Third Party Criteria Subcommittee of the MPTAC review:**  
- Revised Clinical Indications for Admission:  
  - Added examples for:  
    - Aggressive hydration needs that cannot be managed in an infusion center  
    - Prolonged marrow suppression  
  - Added Regimens that cannot be managed as an outpatient with examples |
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**Neonatal Facility Levels and Admission Guidelines**

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### Neonatology

**Neonatology – Newborn Care, Routine (W0087)**

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**Neonatology – Newborn Care, Term, with Severe Illness or Abnormality (W0106)**

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- Revised Clinical Indications for Admission to Inpatient Care: For newborn care, term, with severe illness or abnormality, see the following:
  - o CG-MED-26 Neonatal Levels of Care

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|                                 | March 4, 2019 Third Party Criteria Subcommittee of the MPTAC review:  
|                                 | Revised Clinical Indications for Admission to Inpatient Care: For neonatal sepsis, confirmed, see the following:  
|                                 | - CG-MED-26 Neonatal Levels of Care |

| **Neonatology – Sepsis, Neonatal, Suspected, Not Confirmed (W0108)** | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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|                                                                 | Revised Clinical Indications for Admission to Inpatient Care: For neonatal sepsis, suspected, not confirmed, see the following:  
|                                                                 | - CG-MED-26 Neonatal Levels of Care |

| **Neurology Return to Index** | Neurology – EEG, Video Monitoring (W0115) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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|                               | March 4, 2019 Third Party Criteria Subcommittee of the MPTAC review:  
|                               | Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure: For EEG video monitoring, see the following:  
|                               | - CG-MED-46 Electroencephalography and Video Electroencephalographic Monitoring |

| **Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB / GYN) Return to Index** | OB / GYN - Cesarean Delivery (W0045) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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|                                                          | - Revised MCG clinical indications for elective cesarean delivery  
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| OB / GYN - Hysterectomy, Abdominal (W0109) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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|                                            | Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure:  
|                                            | - For abnormal uterine bleeding:  
|                                            |   - Added indication, Alternative hormonal medical treatment has been considered including the levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system or systemic hormonal therapy unless 1 or more of the following conditions exist:  
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|                                            |     - Removed indication, Hormonal therapy (eg, intrauterine delivery system or systemic hormonal therapy) cannot be used because of 1 or more of the following:  
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  - For endometrial ablation, removed indications,  
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    - Hysterectomy preferred (eg, patient concern about recurrence after endometrial ablation)  
  - Added contraindications for levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system or systemic hormonal therapy or oral tranexamic acid and related references  
    - For leiomyoma ("fibroid"):  
      - “Investigation (eg, endometrial sampling) has ruled out other causes for symptoms” changed to “Investigation has ruled out other causes for symptoms”  
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    - For pelvic organ prolapse:  
      - “Uterine-sparing treatment (eg, pessary, apical (uterine) vault prolapse suspension) cannot be used because of **1 or more** of the following:” changed to “Uterine-sparing treatment (eg, one or more of the following treatments, pessary, pelvic floor physical therapy, uterine suspension procedure) cannot be used because of **1 or more** of the following reasons:”  
  - Added indication for when laparoscopic vaginal hysterectomy; laparoscopically-assisted vaginal hysterectomy is considered not medically necessary:  
    - Laparoscopic vaginal hysterectomy; laparoscopically-assisted vaginal hysterectomy is considered **not medically necessary** for all other indications not listed above, including but not limited to, the treatment of asymptomatic leiomyomata when performed for any of the following reasons:  
      - To improve detection of adnexal masses, or  
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**OB / GYN - Hysterectomy, Vaginal (W0110)**

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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure:  
  - For abnormal uterine bleeding:  
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| OB / GYN - Repair of Pelvic Organ Prolapse (W0163) | Publish Date: November 1, 2019  
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| OB / GYN - Vaginal Delivery (W0047) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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  Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure:  
  Removed MCG clinical indications for when induction of labor is appropriate  
  Added clinical indications for elective induction of labor  
  Added clinical indications for early elective induction of labor  
  Information regarding Federal or State mandates will supersede the guideline Length of Stay when applicable included under both Clinical Indications section and Goal Length of Stay (GLOS) section  
  Added references  
  Included note under Codes: Additional ICD-10 diagnosis codes may apply to this guideline when the requested service is for early elective delivery. This is not an all-inclusive list of codes that may apply |

| OB/GYN - Vaginal Delivery, Operative (W0048) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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  Included note under Clinical Indications for Procedure: For early elective vaginal delivery, see W0047 Vaginal Delivery  
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| Orthopedics - Acromioplasty and Rotator Cuff Repair (W0139) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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  Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Guidelines Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines, Level of Care Guidelines and Preoperative Admission Guidelines  
  Included note under both Operative Status Criteria and Goal Length of Stay (GLOS): For acromioplasty and rotator cuff repair, see Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines, Level of Care Guidelines and Preoperative Admission Guidelines |

| Orthopedics - Ankle Arthroscopy (W0155) | Publish Date: June 24, 2019  
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  Removed MCG clinical indication for osteochondral lesions  
  Included note under Clinical Indications for Procedure, Operative Status Criteria and Goal Length of Stay (GLOS): For ankle arthroscopy for osteochondral lesions, see Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines, Level of Care Guidelines and Preoperative Admission Guidelines |
## Orthopedics - Cervical Diskectomy or Microdiskectomy, Foraminotomy, Laminotomy (W0071)

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- Included note under Clinical Indications for Procedure, Operative Status Criteria and Goal Length of Stay (GLOS): For hip arthroscopy other than (a) fracture amenable to arthroscopic repair or (b) debridement and lavage of septic hip, see Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines, Level of Care Guidelines and Preoperative Admission Guidelines* |
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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure:  
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- Included note under Clinical Indications for Procedure, Operative Status Criteria and Goal Length of Stay (GLOS): For elective, non-emergent total knee arthroplasty not due to congenital deformity, see Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines, Level of Care Guidelines and Preoperative Admission Guidelines* |
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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure:  
  - Removed: MCG clinical indications for elective, non-emergent lumbar disectomy, foraminotomy, or laminotomy
- Included note under Clinical Indications for Procedure, Operative Status Criteria and Goal Length of Stay (GLOS): For elective, non-emergent lumbar disectomy, foraminotomy, or laminotomy, see Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines, Level of Care Guidelines and Preoperative Admission Guidelines

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  - For axial lumbar interbody fusion, see SURG.00111 Axial Lumbar Interbody Fusion
- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure:  
  - Removed MCG clinical indications for elective, non-emergent lumbar fusion
- Included note under Clinical Indications for Procedure, Operative Status Criteria and Goal Length of Stay (GLOS): For elective, non-emergent lumbar fusion, see Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines, Level of Care Guidelines and Preoperative Admission Guidelines

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- Included note under Clinical Indications for Procedure, Operative Status Criteria and Goal Length of Stay (GLOS): For elective, non-emergent lumbar laminectomy, see Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines, Level of Care Guidelines and Preoperative Admission Guidelines

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- urethroplasty, placement of testicular prosthesis) appropriate in context of female-to-male gender reassignment

### General Recovery Guidelines Tools Section

**Inpatient Palliative Care Criteria (W0086)**

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- Revised Alternatives to Admission
  - For Home hospice added the following:
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### Problem Oriented GRG

**Medical Oncology (W0074)**

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- Included note under Clinical Indications for Admission to Inpatient Care: For (a) chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy, (b) transcatheter arterial chemoembolization, (c) high-dose radioactive iodine or radioactive implant treatments needing inpatient admission, and (d) hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, see the applicable clinical document

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### Behavioral Health Care Guidelines (BHG)

**Testing Procedures (W0150)**

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- Revised Clinical Indications for Procedure: For urine toxicology testing, see the following:
  - CG-LAB-09 Drug Testing or Screening in the Context of Substance Use Disorder and Chronic Pain

### Therapeutic Services

**Applied Behavioral Analysis (W0153)**

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