**Clinical Indicators: Mastoidectomy**

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| **Procedure** | **CPT** | **Days**[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| Simple mastoidectomy | 69501 | 90 |
| Complete mastoidectomy | 69502 | 90 |
| Modified radical mastoidectomy | 69505 | 90 |
| Radical mastoidectomy | 69511 | 90 |
| Petrous apicectomy (including radical mastoidectomy) | 60530 | 90 |
| Revision mastoidectomy, resulting in |  |  |
| * complete mastoidectomy
 | 69601 | 90 |
| Revision mastoidectomy, resulting in |  |  |
| * modified radical mastoidectomy
 | 69602 | 90 |
| Revision mastoidectomy, resulting in |  |  |
| * radical mastoidectomy
 | 69603 | 90 |
| Revision mastoidectomy, resulting in tympanoplasty | 69604 | 90 |
| Revision mastoidectomy, with apicectomy | 69605 | 90 |
| Tympanoplasty with antrotomy or mastoidotomy, |  |  |
| * without ossicular chain reconstruction
 | 69635 | 90 |
| * with ossicular chain reconstruction
 | 69636 | 90 |
| * with ossicular chain reconstruction and synthetic prosthesis
 | 69637 | 90 |
| Tympanoplasty with mastoidectomy, without ossicular chain reconstruction | 69641 | 90 |
| * with ossicular chain reconstruction
 | 69642 | 90 |
| * with intact or reconstructed canalwall, without ossicular chain reconstruction
 | 69643 | 90 |
| * with intact or reconstructed canalwall, with ossicular chain reconstruction
 | 69644 | 90 |
| * radical or complete, without ossicularchain reconstruction
 | 69645 | 90 |
| * radical or complete, with ossicularchain reconstruction
 | 69646 | 90 |
| Mastoid obliteration | 69670 | 90 |

**Indications****1. History** (One or more required)

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| a) | Postauricular periosteal swelling or pain unresponsive to medical treatment. |
| b) | Infected drainage from the ear unresponsive to medical treatment. |
| d) | Planned second look for intact wall mastoidectomy. |
| e) | Persistent middle ear disease unresponsive to management. |
| f) | Fullness in the ear, hearing loss or pain. |
| g) | Approach to failed tympanoplasty. |
| h) | Evidence of chronic disease in patient who may not be aware of a problem such as retraction pockets with squamous debris, cholesteatoma, mucous crusts from non-infected discharge, and glomus tympanicum. |

**2. Physical Examination** (required)

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| a) | Complete bilateral description of ear canal, tympanic membrane, postauricular area (if abnormal), facial nerve function and description of nystagmus (if present). |
| b) | Description of middle ear. |
| c) | Description of gross hearing. |

**3. Tests**

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| a) | Audiometry--pure tone and speech bilateral. |
| b) | Imaging--CT scan optional. |

**Postoperative Observations**a) Bleeding.b) Facial weakness.c) Dizziness.d) Mental status.e) Pain.f) Dressing.**Outcome Review****1. One Week**

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| a) | Incision and cavity--Is there evidence of infection? |
| b) | Inner ear and facial nerve--Is there dizziness or facial weakness? |

**2. Beyond Two Months**

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| a) | Hearing--document with audiogram. |
| b) | Tympanic membrane--Status of TM if tympanoplasty done. |
| c) | Mastoid cavity--Is it healed and dry? |
| d) | Infection--If this was the reason for surgery, has it been controlled? |

**Associated ICD-9 Diagnostic Codes** (Representative, but not all inclusive codes)

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| **1) Nonsuppurative otitis media and eustachian tube disorder** |
| 381.0 | Acute nonsuppurative otitis media |
| 381.00 | Acute nonsuppurative otitis media, unspecified |
| 381.01 | Acute serous otitis media |
| 381.02 | Acute mucoid otitis media |
| 381.03 | Acute sanguinous otitis media |
| 381.04 | Acute allergic serous otitis media |
| 381.05 | Acute allergic mucoid otitis media |
| 381.06 | Acute allergic sanguinous otitis media |
| 381.1 | Chronic serous otitis media |
| 381.10 | Chronic serous otitis media, simple or unspecified |
| 381.19 | Other: Serosanguinous chronic otitis media |
| 381.2 | Chronic mucoid otitis media |
| 381.20 | Chronic mucoid otitis media, simple or unspecified |
| 381.29 | Other: Mucosanguinous chronic otitis media |
| 381.3 | Other unspecified chronic nonsuppurative otitis media |
| 381.5 | Eustachian salpingitis |
| 381.50 | Eustachian tube salpingitis, unspecified |
| 381.51 | Acute eustachian salpingitis |
| 381.52 | Chronic eustachian salpingitis |
| 381.6 | Obstruction of eustachian tube |
| 381.60 | Obstruction of eustachian tube, unspecified |
| 381.61 | Osseous obstruction of eustachian tube |
| 381.62 | Intrinsic cartilagenous obstruction of eustachian tube |
| 381.63 | Extrinsic cartilagenous obstruction of eustachian tube |
| 381.8 | Other disorders of eustachian tube |
| 381.81 | Dysfunction of eustachian tube |

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| **2) Suppurative and unspecified otitis media** |
| 382.0 | Acute suppurative otitis media |
| 382.00 | Acute suppurative otitis media without spontaneous rupture of ear drum |
| 382.01 | Acute suppurative otitis media with spontaneous rupture of ear drum |
| 382.02 | Acute suppurative otitis media in diseases classified elsewhere |
| 382.1 | Chronic tubotympanic suppurative otitis media |
| 382.2 | Chronic atticoantral suppurative otitis media |

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| **3) Mastoiditis and related conditions**  |
| 383.00 | Acute mastoiditis without complications |
| 383.01 | Subperiosteal abscess of mastoid |
| 383.02 | Acute mastoiditis with other complications |
| 383.1 | Chronic mastoiditis |
| 383.2 | Petrositis |
| 383.20 | Petrositis, unspecified |
| 383.21 | Acute petrositis |
| 383.22 | Chronic petrositis |
| 383.3 | Complications following mastoidectomy |
| 383.30 | Postmastiodectomy complication, unspecified |
| 383.31 | Mucosal cyst of postmastoidectomy cavity |
| 383.32 | Recurrent cholesteatoma of postmastoidectomy cavity |
| 383.33 | Granulations of postmastoidectomy cavity |
| 383.8 | Other disorders of mastoid |
| 383.81 | Postauricular fistula |

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| **4) Other disorders of middle ear and mastoid** |
| 385.3 | Cholesteatoma of middle ear and mastoid |
| 385.30 | Cholesteatoma, unspecified |
| 385.31 | Cholesteatoma of attic |
| 385.32 | Cholesteatoma of middle ear |
| 385.33 | Cholesteatoma of middle ear and mastoid |
| 385.35 | Diffuse cholesteatosis |
| 385.8 | Other disorders of middle ear and mastoid |
| 385.82 | Cholesterin granuloma |

**Additional Information**Assistant Surgeon -- YSupply Charges -- NPrior Approval -- NAnesthesia Code(s)—00210; 00124; 00126**Patient Information**Mastoidectomy is an operation to remove disease from the bone behind the ear, when medical management is inadequate. Sometimes a mastoidectomy is required in order to gain better exposure to the disease. Although complications do not often occur, they include persistent ear drainage, infection in the mastoid cavity, and hearing loss. Weakness of the face on the side of the surgery is a rare but potential hazard in mastoid surgery. There may be dizziness for a short time after surgery, but it is rarely permanent. Loss of taste on the side of the tongue may occur and last a few weeks, but may be permanent.***Important Disclaimer Notice***Clinical indicators for otolaryngology serve as a checklist for practitioners and a quality care review tool for clinical departments. The American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery, Inc. and Foundation (AAO-HNS/F) Clinical Indicators are intended as ***suggestions, not rules***, and should be modified by users when deemed medically necessary. In no sense do they represent a standard of care. The applicability of an indicator for a procedure must be determined by the responsible physician in light of all the circumstances presented by the individual patient. Adherence to these clinical indicators will not ensure successful treatment in every situation. The AAO-HNS/F emphasizes that these clinical indicators should not be deemed inclusive of all proper treatment decisions or methods of care, nor exclusive of other treatment decisions or methods of care reasonably directed to obtaining the same results.  The AAO-HNS/F is not responsible for treatment decisions or care provided by individual physicians.CPT five-digit codes, nomenclature and other data are copyright 2009 American Medical Association. All Rights Reserved. No fee schedules, basic units, relative values or related listings are included in CPT. The AMA assumes no liability for the data contained herein.*© 2010 American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. 1650 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA 22314.* |
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1. RBRVS Global Days [↑](#footnote-ref-1)