
Documentation Dissection

PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSES: Bilateral mammary ptosis.

POSTOPERATIVE DIAGNOSES: Bilateral mammary ptosis. ^[1]

PROCEDURE PERFORMED: Mastopexy. ^[2]

ANESTHESIA: General.

CLINICAL NOTE: The patient presented for the above procedure. She understood the potential risks and complications and desired to proceed.

PROCEDURE IN DETAIL: The patient was placed on the operating table in the supine position. General anesthesia was induced. She was prepped and draped in the usual sterile fashion. The lines were checked, reinforced, and then tailor tacked. She was placed in the sitting position. Minor adjustments were made for optimal shape. She was returned to the supine position. The right breast was infiltrated with 25 cc of 0.5% Xylocaine with 1:200,000 epinephrine and after adrenaline effect, the horizontal ellipse of skin and the vertical triangle of skin were removed. The medial and lateral flaps were elevated. ^[3] Hemostasis was obtained by electrocautery. The central breast tiller was imbricated to improve the projection coning and to narrow the base inferiorly. This was accomplished with interrupted 3-0 Monocryl. The flaps were then inset and closed with 3-0 and 4-0 Monocryl and a running subcuticular suture of 4-0 Prolene. Steri-Strips were then placed over Mastisol. The same was then accomplished on the left side. ^[4] A light dressing and a bra were applied. She was awakened, extubated, and transferred to the recovery room in satisfactory condition. There were no operative or anesthetic complications.

^[1] Diagnosis to report

^[2] Indication of what procedure will be performed.

^[3] Breast lift on the right breast

^[4] Breast lift performed on left breast.

What CPT® and ICD-10-CM codes are reported?

CPT® Code: 19316-50

ICD-10-CM Code: N64.81

Rationales:

CPT®: Mastopexy is basically a breast lift, used to raise, reshape and support the breasts for aesthetic purposes. In the CPT® Index look for Mastopexy referring you to code 19316. Documentation does not support other procedures performed such as removal of implants or augmentation. This code is reported as unilateral, because both breasts were performed on append modifier 50.

ICD-10-CM: Diagnosis is mammary ptosis. In the Alphabetic Index, look for Ptosis/breast referring you to code N64.81. Verify code in the Tabular List.

ICD-9-CM Application

ICD-9-CM Code: 611.81

Rationale: Diagnosis is mammary ptosis. In Alphabetic Index, look for Ptosis/breast referring you to 611.81. Tabular List confirms code 611.81 is for Ptosis of breast.
