

## Defined Category Minimums: Pediatric Surgery Review Committee for Surgery

Defined Categories	Minimum
Abdomen/Gastrointestinal (GI)	120
Endoscopy	30
Head and Neck/Endocrine, Genitourinary (GU), and Anorectal Malformation (ARM)	50
NICU	20
Non-Operative Trauma/Critical Care	90
Oncology	25
Operative Trauma/Critical Care	20
PICU	10
Thoracic	50
<b>Total Major Cases</b>	<b>800</b>
Teaching Assistant (TA)	50

### Additional Information:

- Endoscopy and Thoracic procedures done on the same patient under the same anesthetic may be counted separately.
- Minimally invasive cases may be tracked with a checkbox in cases where there is no designation for open versus laparoscopic.
- Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) or tumor cases are separately delineated.
- Only complex procedures map to the defined categories.
- Common procedures (i.e., those that should have been part of general surgery curriculum) may be counted as Teaching Assistant (TA).

## Tracked Codes Report in ADS

A report containing tracked CPT codes by area, type, and defined category is available in the Accreditation Data System (ADS). To access this report, log into ADS, select the Case Logs tab, then select “Tracked Codes.”

As demonstrated in Figure 1, in the report, the three columns under each Area/Type header list the CPT code, the defined category, and a description of the procedure. The Defined Category column will note if a case tracks to a defined category (i.e., is a complex procedure), or if it is a common procedure that may be logged as Teaching Assistant (TA).

Figure 1

Area: Abdomen/GI		Type: Inguinal and other hernias > 6 months
Code	Def Cat	Description
49500	Abdomen/GI	Repair initial inguinal hernia, age 6 months to younger than 5 years, with or without hydrocelectomy; reducible
49501	Abdomen/GI	Repair initial inguinal hernia, age 6 months to younger than 5 years, with or without hydrocelectomy; incarcerated or strangulated
49505	Common Procedures as TA	Repair initial inguinal hernia, age 5 years or older; reducible
49507	Common Procedures as TA	Repair initial inguinal hernia, age 5 years or older; incarcerated or strangulated

## Finding Relevant Code(s) when Logging Cases

When logging cases in ADS, fellows have the ability to search for a CPT code to determine if it counts toward a defined category.

### Search by Category (Area and Type)

Select the Area/Type/Code tab on the data entry screen. Select the appropriate *area* (e.g., Abdomen/GI), and *type* (e.g., Appendicitis) and click “Search.” Relevant codes are displayed and available to select as demonstrated in Figure 2.

Figure 2

Favorites
Area/Type/Code
Defined Category

**Area**

**Type**

**Code or Keyword** ⓘ

Code	Description	Area	Type
44950	Appendectomy;	Abdomen/GI	Appendicitis
44955	Appendectomy; when done for indicated purpose at time of other major procedure (not as separate procedure) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Abdomen/GI	Appendicitis
44960	Appendectomy; for ruptured appendix with abscess or generalized peritonitis	Abdomen/GI	Appendicitis
44970	Laparoscopy, surgical, appendectomy	Abdomen/GI	Appendicitis
49320	Laparoscopy, abdomen, peritoneum, and omentum, diagnostic, with or without collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing (separate procedure)	Abdomen/GI	Appendicitis

### Search by Defined Category

Select the Defined Category tab on the data entry screen and select the appropriate choice from the drop-down menu (e.g., Abdomen/GI), then click "Search." All codes that count toward the minimums in the defined category will be displayed. Note that when a code counts toward a minimum, it is designated on the screen as demonstrated in Figure 3.

Figure 3

Favorites Area/Type/Code Defined Category

Defined Category: Abdomen/GI Code or Keyword:

Code	Description	Area	Type
37140	Venous anastomosis, open; portocaval <b>Def Cat:</b> Abdomen/GI	Abdomen/GI	Portal Hypertension procedures
37145	Venous anastomosis, open; renoportal <b>Def Cat:</b> Abdomen/GI	Abdomen/GI	Portal Hypertension procedures
37160	Venous anastomosis, open; caval-mesenteric <b>Def Cat:</b> Abdomen/GI	Abdomen/GI	Portal Hypertension procedures
37180	Venous anastomosis, open; splenorenal, proximal <b>Def Cat:</b> Abdomen/GI	Abdomen/GI	Portal Hypertension procedures
37181	Venous anastomosis, open; splenorenal, distal (selective decompression of esophagogastric varices, any technique) <b>Def Cat:</b> Abdomen/GI	Abdomen/GI	Portal Hypertension procedures

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