

## **Notice to Pediatric Otolaryngology Faculty Members and Fellows Review Committee for Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery**

The ACGME Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellowship Key Indicator Procedures (KIPs) have been updated to reflect evolving trends in the field of pediatric otolaryngology with an effort to be inclusive of the diversity of pediatric otolaryngology fellowships. Key changes in the new system are listed below:

- Deleted CPT codes from all domains were removed from the KIP list.
- The closed and open airway domains have been combined into Airway Procedure Domain and the required number of procedures in this new domain is 15.
- Within the new Airway Procedure Domain, several new laryngoplasty, laryngeal reinnervation, cricotracheal resection, and tracheoplasty codes have been added. CPT 31400 is moved from Endoscopy with Intervention Domain to Airway Procedure Domain. The age for the KIP tracheostomy code has decreased to 2 years old from 3 years old to correspond with CPT code 31601.
- Within the Otology Domain, the codes for dilation of Eustachian tube, unilateral; reconstruction of the external auditory canal; and middle ear exploration through postauricular or ear canal incision have been added.
- The number of required procedures within the Head and Neck Surgery Domain has been increased from 12 to 20. Codes for cervical lymphadenectomy, excision sublingual gland, lingual tonsillectomy, glossectomy, cricopharyngeal myotomy, and sialoendoscopy have been added. The ranula excision codes were moved to the Head and Neck Surgery Domain from the Congenital Anomalies Domain.
- The number of required procedures within the Facial Plastics Domain has been increased from 5 to 10. Facial fracture codes for patients younger than 13 years old have been added. Codes related to microtia repair including rib graft, resection of rib, and adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement were added, as were codes for osteoplasty and muscle, myocutaneous or fasciocutaneous flap, head and neck with named vascular pedicle.
- Some CPTs not relevant to pediatric otolaryngology (e.g., injection of esophageal varices) have been removed. Two codes are added to esophagoscopy and intervention.

Send questions to Review Committee staff members, whose contact information is available [here](#).