



# iASSIST™ Knee Coding Guidance



iASSIST™ Knee is an intuitive, precise and simplified system engineered to offer accurate intra-operative feedback and alignment validation within the surgical field.

## Common Physician Procedural Codes for Knee Arthroplasty Surgical Procedures

The following CPT code may be appropriate to describe procedures associated with the total knee arthroplasty. The physician should report the CPT code(s) that best describes the procedure(s) performance.

CPT* Code	Code Description
27447	Arthroplasty, knee, condyle and plateau; medial AND lateral compartments with or without patella resurfacing (TKA)

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CPT* Procedure Code	Code Description
20985	Computer-assisted surgical navigational procedure for musculoskeletal procedures, image-less (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

## ICD-9 Inpatient Procedural Coding Guidance for iASSIST Knee

ICD-9-CM Code†	Code Description	Common Medicare MS-DRG Assignment ‡
81.54	Total knee replacement	461 - Bilateral or Multiple Major Joint Procedures of Lower Extremity with MCC 462 - Bilateral or Multiple Major Joint Procedures of Lower Extremity without MCC
00.34	Imageless computer assisted surgery	469 - Major Joint Replacement or Reattachment of Lower Extremity with MCC 470 - Major Joint Replacement or Reattachment of Lower Extremity without MCC

## Appeal a denied prior-authorization request

A denial for a prior-authorization request can be appealed. It is important to address the reason for denial in the appeal letter. The reasons for the denial found in the prior-authorization denial letter. Contact the payer for specific appeal instructions.

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† ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Effective October 1, 2012

‡ 42 CFR Parts 412, 413, 415, et al. Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and Fiscal Year 2013.