

Surgical Approach 2010

Organization	Field Name	ID	Required
KCR	Surgical Approach 2010 (SurgApproach2010)	50135	no
NAACCR	RX Hosp--Surg App 2010	668	no

Field Length: 1

This item is used to describe the surgical method used to approach the primary site for patients undergoing surgery of the primary site. It should not be confused with the obsolete field "Surgical Approach (ROADS)" ([item #50240](#)).

Instructions for Coding

- This item may be left blank for cases diagnosed prior to January 1, 2010.
- Assign code 2 or 4 if the surgery began as robotic assisted or endoscopic and was converted to open.
- If both robotic and endoscopic surgery were used, code to robotic (codes 1 or 2).
- For ablation procedures, assign code 3.

Code	Description
0	No surgical procedure of primary site at this facility; Diagnosed at autopsy
1	Robotic assisted
2	Robotic converted to open
3	Endoscopic or laparoscopic
4	Endoscopic converted to open
5	Open or approach unspecified
9	Unknown whether surgery was performed at this facility