

# Diagnostic codes and Rejections

- Alberta Health Services will reject your claims if diagnostic codes are used when billing an anesthetic
- This results in longer wait times for you to get reimbursed.

Reduce your rejections and improve your reimbursement



# Solution!

- **We recommend leaving the diagnostic codes box empty when billing for an anesthetic.**
- The software will tell you automatically if you need a diagnostic code, commonly this would be for consultations, visits or if you perform a surgical or minor procedure.

59.0 A : Appendectomy {Appendectomy with or without abscess}

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Modifiers

ANE -

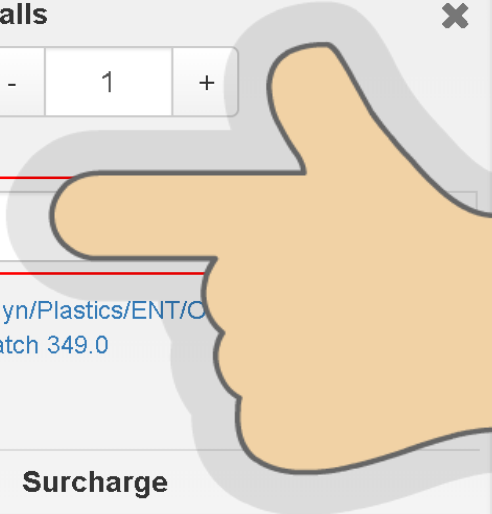
Supporting Text/Tooth Codes

Diagnostic Codes

Popular Codes: [General Sympt - 780.9 \(Gen Surg/Gyn/Plastics/ENT/O](#)  
[- 349.8 | Orthopedics -781 | Urology 788.9 | Blood Patch 349.0](#)

Calls: - 1 +

Base	Calls	Modifiers Applied	Total	Surcharge
\$183.20	1	ANE	\$183.20	\$0.00



# Example:

- Here is an example of a consult needing a diagnostic code – note the software alerting you to input a diagnostic code.

The following errors occurred during submission. Please make corrections and try again:

- Diagnostic Code is Required for code 03.08A.

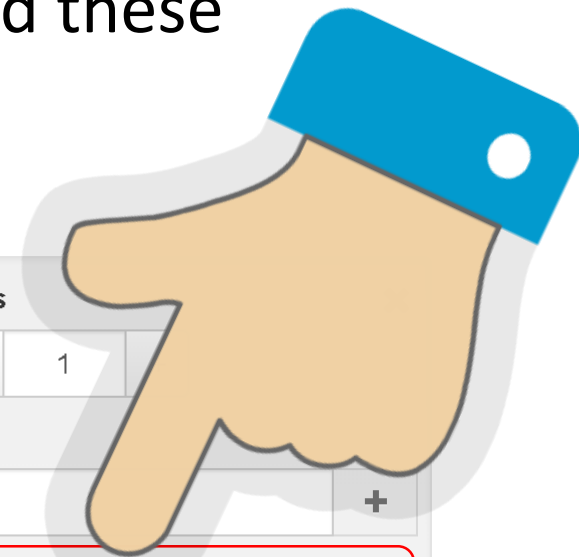


## Procedure Calculation:

03.08A : Consultation, described as comprehensive {Comprehensive consultation}		Calls		
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Modifiers	Diagnostic Codes			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			
▼ Supporting Text/Tooth Codes		Popular Codes: <a href="#">General Sympt - 780.9 (Gen Surg/Gyn/Plastics/ENT/Other)</a>   <a href="#">Neurosurg/Spine - 349.8</a>   <a href="#">Orthopedics -781</a>   <a href="#">Urology 788.9</a>   <a href="#">Blood Patch 349.0</a>		
Base	Calls	Modifiers Applied	Total	Surcharge
\$78.21	1		\$78.21	\$0.00

# Additional information

- For anesthetic consultations/visits usually more general codes are accepted by Alberta Health. We have placed several of these general “popular codes” below the diagnostic code section to add these simply click them



03.05A : Other diagnostic interview and evaluation {Intensive care unit visit per 15

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Modifiers  +

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Base	Calls	Modifiers Applied	Total	Surcharge
\$57.37	1		\$57.37	\$0.00