**COLECTOMY CODING TIPS**

For the CPT codes that pertain to colectomy – the primary elements to look for to help with assigning the CPT are:

A. Approach <open/transanal/perineal vs lap/robotic>
B. Anatomical locations of the resection/stapling lines
C. Anastomosis versus Creation of stoma (note: some procedures will use both)

Additionally, it is important to fit the most inclusive or “best” CPT code whenever possible so that “like” cases are being considered equally based on the complexity of the procedure.

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Bowel* denotes any of the following: Cecum, Ascending, Transverse; Descending

(±) = 'when performed'

(x+) = stoma + mucocutum
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<td>Stoma Note: *Alternatively, bowel ends may be reapproximated &amp; a loop colostomy created proximal to the anastomosis. *Cecostomy means that the stoma is created with the cecum.</td>
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<td>Proximal: Large bowel OR Terminal ileum Distal: Large bowel</td>
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<td>Proximal: Large bowel (tip: usually somewhere after the splenic flexure – closer to the sigmoid/rectum) Distal: Rectum</td>
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*Note: Laparoscopy/surgical; colectomy, partial with coloproctostomy with colostomy.
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<td>Anastomosis (ileoproctostomy) OR Stoma (ileostomy) Note: if EEA used – anal approach used to perform the anastomosis</td>
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Distal: Anus | Stoma  
Creation of reservoir (Kock pouch) and continent ileostomy | Open AND Perineal (for distal rectum mobilization & resection) | Laparoscopic/Robotic |
| 44157: colectomy, **total**, abdominal, with proctectomy with ileoanal anastomosis, includes loop ileostomy, and rectal mucosectomy, when performed | Proximal: Ileum (small bowel)  
Distal: Anus | Anastomosis (ileoanal) AND Stoma (when performed) for diversion of feces to promote healing of lower segment | Open AND Perineal (for distal rectum mobilization & resection) | |
| 44158: colectomy, **total**, abdominal, with proctectomy with ileoanal anastomosis, creation of ileal reservoir, includes loop ileostomy, and rectal mucosectomy, when performed | Proximal: Ileum (small bowel)  
Distal: Anus | Anastomosis (ileoanal) AND Stoma (when performed) for diversion of feces for healing of lower segment  
Creation of reservoir (J or S pouch as a neo-rectum) and/or loop ileostomy | 44158: Open and Perineal | |

*44211: laparoscopic, surgical; colectomy, **total**, abdominal, with proctectomy, with ileoanal anastomosis, creation of ileal reservoir, with loop ileostomy, includes rectal mucosectomy, when performed

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