

Coding Clarification: Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy and Laparoscopy With Vaginal Hysterectomy

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There has been confusion about the difference between a total laparoscopic hysterectomy and a laparoscopy with vaginal hysterectomy, as well as the documentation requirements and the appropriate Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes to report for these procedures. The primary difference between the procedures in this family of codes is the method of detaching the structures rather than the route of structure extraction. This article will provide clarification for correct reporting.

Laparoscopy/Hysteroscopy

58541 Laparoscopy, surgical, supracervical hysterectomy, for uterus 250 g or less;

58542 with removal of tube(s) and/or ovary(s)

(Do not report 58541, 58542 in conjunction with 49320, 57000, 57180, 57410, 58140-58146, 58545, 58546, 58561, 58661, 58670, 58671)

58543 Laparoscopy, surgical, supracervical hysterectomy, for uterus greater than 250 g;

58544 with removal of tube(s) and/or ovary(s)

(Do not report 58543-58544 in conjunction with 49320, 57000, 57180, 57410, 58140-58146, 58545, 58546, 58561, 58661, 58670, 58671)

58548 Laparoscopy, surgical, with radical hysterectomy, with bilateral total pelvic lymphadenectomy and para-aortic lymph node sampling (biopsy), with removal of tube(s) and ovary(s), if performed

(Do not report 58548 in conjunction with 38570-38572, 58210, 58285, 58550-58554)

58550 Laparoscopy, surgical, with vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus 250 g or less;

58552 with removal of tube(s) and/or ovary(s)

(Do not report 58550-58552 in conjunction with 49320, 57000, 57180, 57410, 58140-58146, 58545, 58546, 58561, 58661, 58670, 58671)

58553 Laparoscopy, surgical, with vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus greater than 250 g;

58554 with removal of tube(s) and/or ovary(s)

(Do not report 58553-58554 in conjunction with 49320, 57000, 57180, 57410, 58140-58146, 58545, 58546, 58561, 58661, 58670, 58671)

58570 Laparoscopy, surgical, with total hysterectomy, for uterus 250 g or less;

58571 with removal of tube(s) and/or ovary(s)

58572 Laparoscopy, surgical, with total hysterectomy, for uterus greater than 250 g;

58573 with removal of tube(s) and/or ovary(s)

(Do not report 58570-58573 in conjunction with 49320, 57000, 57180, 57410, 58140-58146, 58150, 58545, 58546, 58561, 58661,

58670, 58671)

58575 Laparoscopy, surgical, total hysterectomy for resection of malignancy (tumor debulking), with omentectomy including salpingo-oophorectomy, unilateral or bilateral, when performed

(Do not report 58575 in conjunction with 49255, 49320, 49321, 58570, 58571, 58572, 58573, 58661)

Laparoscopic hysterectomy codes include total laparoscopic hysterectomy codes (58570-58573), laparoscopy with vaginal hysterectomy codes (58550-58554), and laparoscopic supracervical hysterectomy codes (58541-58544). Each family of codes are subdivided into uteri 250 grams or less and greater than 250 grams and with or without removal of tube(s) and/or ovary(s). These codes, in addition to codes 58548 and 58575, are the entire range of codes that address the laparoscopic approach to hysterectomy. The primary difference between the procedures in this family of codes is the method of detaching the structures rather than the route of structure extraction.

Total laparoscopic hysterectomy includes laparoscopically detaching the entire uterine cervix and body from the surrounding supporting structures and suturing the vaginal cuff. It includes laparoscopically bivalving, coring, or morcellating the excised tissues, as required. The uterus is removed through the vagina or abdomen. Codes 58548, Laparoscopy, surgical, with radical hysterectomy, with bilateral total pelvic lymphadenectomy and para-aortic lymph node sampling (biopsy), with removal of tube(s) and ovary(s), if performed, and 58575, Laparoscopy, surgical, total hysterectomy for resection of malignancy (tumor debulking), with omentectomy including salpingo-oophorectomy, unilateral or bilateral, when performed, represent procedures also performed via a total laparoscopic hysterectomy approach; however, these procedures are performed primarily for excision of malignancy.

Laparoscopy with vaginal hysterectomy includes laparoscopically detaching the uterine body from the surrounding upper supporting structures. The vaginal portion of the procedure is performed. The vaginal apex is entered. Both the cervix and uterus are detached from the remaining supporting structures. The uterus is removed through the vagina.

Laparoscopic supracervical hysterectomy includes laparoscopically detaching the body of the uterus down to the uterine arteries. The uterine body is separated from the cervix, hemostasis of the cervical stump is achieved, and the endocervical canal is coagulated. The uterine body is laparoscopically removed through the abdomen by bivalving, coring, or morcellating, as required.

Table 1 summarizes the differences between each of these procedures. The information in this table should be used as a guide together with the current

version of the CPT code set.u

Table 1. Summary of Laparoscopic Hysterectomy Procedures and Codes

CPT Codes	Uterine Size	Tube(s) and/or Ovary(ies)	Removal of Cervix	Method of Detachment	Method of Extraction
Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy					
58570	? 250 grams	No	Yes	Entire uterine cervix and body via laparoscope	Abdomen or Vagina
58571	? 250 grams	Yes	Yes	Entire uterine cervix and body via laparoscope	Abdomen or Vagina
58572	> 250 grams	No	Yes	Entire uterine cervix and body via laparoscope	Abdomen or Vagina
58573	> 250 grams	Yes	Yes	Entire uterine cervix and body via laparoscope	Abdomen or Vagina
Laparoscopic Hysterectomy for Malignancy					
58548	unspecified	Yes	Yes	Entire uterine cervix and body via laparoscope with para-aortic lymph node sampling; may also include excision of the vagina	Abdomen or Vagina
58575	unspecified	Yes	Yes	Entire uterine cervix and body via laparoscope; also includes tumor debulking and omentectomy	Abdomen
Laparoscopy With Vaginal Hysterectomy					

58550	? 250 grams	No	Yes	Upper uterine body via the laparoscope and cervix or lower uterine body through the vagina	Vagina
58552	? 250 grams	Yes	Yes	Upper uterine body via the laparoscope and cervix or lower uterine body through the vagina	Vagina
58553	> 250 grams	No	Yes	Upper uterine body via the laparoscope and cervix or lower uterine body through the vagina	Vagina
58554	> 250 grams	Yes	Yes	Upper uterine body via the laparoscope and cervix or lower uterine body through the vagina	Vagina
Laparoscopic Supracervical Hysterectomy					
58541	? 250 grams	No	No	Uterus from the cervix and surrounding tissue laparoscopically	Abdomen
58542	? 250 grams	Yes	No	Uterus from the cervix and surrounding tissue laparoscopically	Abdomen
58543	> 250 grams	No	No	Uterus from the cervix and surrounding tissue laparoscopically	Abdomen
58544	> 250 grams	Yes	No	Uterus from the cervix and surrounding tissue laparoscopically	Abdomen