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READER QUESTIONS: Know The Reason For Laminectomy

Question: Which aftercare V code should we use when we are providing aftercare to a patient following a laminectomy?

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Answer: Choose your aftercare V code based on the condition that required the surgery. For example, if the reason for the laminectomy was a herniated disc, then the correct V code for aftercare is V58.78 (Aftercare following surgery of the musculoskeletal system, NEC). The code category for a herniated disc is 722 which falls in the conditions classifiable to aftercare code V58.78.