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READER QUESTIONS: Look to Aftercare for Joint Revision

Question: Our patient had a revision of her total knee replacement five days ago due to loosening of her prosthesis. We will be providing physical therapy, weekly prothrombin time and international normalized ratio (PT/INR) draws, and wound care for the incision. The patient's husband is injecting her Lovenox. How should we code for her?

-- Oregon Subscriber

Answer: Use the aftercare following surgery for joint replacement for this patient because the patient had a revision -- V54.81 (Aftercare following joint replacement). Follow this with V43.65 (Organ or tissue replaced by other means; joint; knee).