

Global Surgical Period

The American Medical Association (AMA) reviews standard recovery period following surgery. From this review, they assign a “global” period of 0, 10, or 90 days to that procedure. The global period is the time following a surgery during which routine care by a physician is considered post operative and included in the surgical fee. The global period only relates to the same site of surgery and for normal care post operatively. Routine postoperative care is considered uncomplicated follow up care. Complications such as infections are not considered routine postoperative care and are billable.

Having a surgical procedure can be difficult and confusing so we at Surgical Care Specialists have knowledgeable surgical schedulers and a surgical billing advocate to help you prepare for elective procedures. If you have any question regarding the post operative period and how many days, please speak with either surgical biller or surgical billing advocate.