

Supplementary material n. 2**Appendix- Codes of the ICD9CM and DRGs used for selecting cases, elective surgery.**

| Procedure | ICD9CM codes/DRG Grouper XXIV codes | Notes |
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| Tonsillectomy | 28.2x; 28.3x | Patients aged 0-18 |
| Vein stripping | DRG 119 | |
| Hysterectomy | 68.3x-68.9x | All women aged 18 yrs and over with benign uterine conditions |
| Knee replacement | 81.54 | Total knee replacement |
| Hip replacement | 81.51 | All patients aged 65 and over, excludes diagnosis codes 820-821.39, 996.4x |
| Colectomy | 45.71-45.76; 45.79; 45.8x | All patients with ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Code 153: malignant neoplasm of colon |
| Coronary Angioplasty | 36.03; 36.04; 36.06; 36.07; 36.09; 00.66 | |
| Cholecystectomy | DRG: 493;494 | |