

Download Anesthesia Relative Value Guide

The ASA Relative Value Guide is an important resource used by those who submit claims for anesthesia services. Keeping it up-to-date and reflective of current anesthesia practice helps ensure it continues to be a valuable source of information. The Relative Value Guide® (RVG™) is an essential tool for all anesthesia practices. RVG provides an explanation of anesthesia coding, including definitions of base units, anesthesia start/stop time, field avoidance, reporting time for neuraxial labor anesthesia services and other important elements of anesthesia billing. The 2019 edition of the Relative Value Guide (RVG) used for anesthesia coding and billing includes an updated definition of anesthesia time. The new definition brings the RVG in line with the updated Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 50G, which also has a new definition of anesthesia time as of November 28, 2018. The American Society of Anesthesiologists' 2019 Relative Value Guide contains two changes anesthesia providers should know, according to Anesthesia Business Consultants President and CEO Tony Mira. The guide provides descriptors for anesthesia services, base unit values and current procedural terminology codes. Two key changes: 1.