**POST OP DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

| Element | CMS Requirement | DNV Requirement | Medical Staff Rules and Regs |
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| **Full Operative Report Timeframe and Requirements** | | | |
| An **operative report** describing techniques, findings, and tissues removed or altered must be **written or dictated immediately** following surgery and signed by the surgeon.<br><br>The operative report shall be dictated or documented and authenticated in its entirety before the patient is transferred to the next level of care (e.g., before the patient leaves the post anesthesia care unit)<br><br>All surgeries or invasive procedures require an operative report, or a post operative/post procedure note if the operative report is not immediately available.<br><br>In the event that an operative report cannot be dictated before transfer to the next level of care in an inpatient setting, an immediate post operative / post procedure note is required to be documented. | **YES**<br>§482.51(b)(6) | **YES**<br>SS.8 SR.1<br><br>SS.8 SR.3<br><br>SS.8 SR.2<br><br>SS.8 SR.4 | **YES**<br>Article 7.B |
| **Full Operative Report Element Requirements** | | | |
| The **operative report includes** at least:<br>• Name and hospital identification number of the patient<br>• Date and times of the surgery<br>• Name(s) of the surgeon(s) and assistants or other practitioners who performed surgical tasks (even when performing those tasks under supervision)<br>• Pre-operative and post-operative diagnosis<br>• Name of the specific surgical procedure(s) performed<br>• Type of anesthesia administered<br>• Complications, if any<br>• A description of techniques, findings, and tissues removed or altered<br>• Surgeons or practitioners name(s) and a description of the specific significant surgical tasks that were conducted by practitioners other than the primary surgeon/practitioner (significant surgical procedures include: opening and closing, harvesting grafts, dissecting tissue, removing tissue, implanting devices, altering tissues); and<br>• Prosthetic devices, grafts, tissues, transplants, or devices implanted, if any. | **YES**<br>§482.51(b)(6) | **YES**<br>SS.8 SR.1 | **YES**<br>Article 7.B |
| **Immediate Note Elements and Requirements** | | | |
| In the event that an operative report cannot be dictated before transfer to the next level of care in an inpatient setting, an immediate post operative / post procedure note is required to be documented. The note shall include identification or description of:<br>• The surgeon and assistants<br>• Pre-operative and post-operative diagnosis<br>• Procedures performed<br>• Specimens removed<br>Estimated Blood Loss; (specify N/A if no blood loss)<br>Complications (if any encountered)<br>Type of anesthesia administered<br>Grafts or implants (may indicate where in chart for details) if any | | **YES**<br>SS.8 SR.4 | **YES**<br>Article 7.C |