

**Encounter codes should be used when screening a patient for a condition and the results are negative. Encounter codes are used for follow-up or post-op visits after *medical* or *surgical* treatment, and the treated condition is usually no longer clinically present.**

### **Z48 Post-Op Dermatology Encounters**

Excludes1: encounter for follow-up examination after completed treatment (Z08-Z09)

#### **Z48.0 Encounter for attention to dressings, sutures and drains**

Excludes1: encounter for planned postprocedural wound closure (Z48.1)

#### **Z48.00 Encounter for change or removal of nonsurgical wound dressing**

Encounter for change or removal of wound dressing NOS

#### **Z48.01 Encounter for change or removal of surgical wound dressing**

#### **Z48.02 Encounter for removal of sutures**

Encounter for removal of staples

#### **Z48.03 Encounter for change or removal of drains**

#### **Z48.1 Encounter for planned postprocedural wound closure**

Excludes1: encounter for attention to dressings and sutures (Z48.0-)

#### **Z48.3 Encounter for aftercare following surgery for neoplasm**

Use additional code to identify the neoplasm

#### **Z48.81 Encounter for surgical aftercare following surgery on specified body systems**

These codes identify the body system requiring aftercare. They are for use in conjunction with other aftercare codes to fully explain the aftercare encounter. The condition treated should also be coded if still present.

#### **Z48.817 Encounter for surgical aftercare following surgery on the skin and subcutaneous tissue**