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SASA COVID-19 UPDATE

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Recommended Coding Guidelines for Anaesthetists During Covid-19 Era

(ICU Procedural Coding if called for procedural assistance only)

Procedure	Code 1	Code 2	Code 3	Code 4	Code 5	Code 6	Code 7	Code 8	Code 9
Intubation ONLY (1st Anaesthetist)	0151	0147	2313	0023 **	0011 **				
Intubation 2nd anaesthetist / assistant	0175	0147	1120						
Intubation + CVP	0151	0147	2313	0023	0011	0029	1218	5103	
Intubation + CVP + Arterial Line	0151	0147	2313	0023	0011	0029	1218	5103	1215
Arterial Line only	0173	0147	1215						
CVP only	0173	0147	1218	5103					
Dialyses line placement	0173	0147	1408	5103					

** It is anticipated that this should take no longer than 65 mins

Code definitions

0173	First Hospital consultation (Average duration)
0175	First Hospital consultation (Long Duration)
0151	Pre-anaesthetic assessment of patient all hours.
2313	Examination under anaesthetic when no other procedures are performed
0011	Emergency Procedures: Any bona fide, justifiable emergency procedure (All hours)
0029	Assistant Anaesthesiologist: When a second anaesthesiologist assists with intubation
0147	Emergency procedure /Unscheduled consultation
1120	Intubation endotracheal emergency
1218	Central Venous Line
1215	Arterial Line
1209	Category 3 – Day 1 per additional practitioner (Intubation specialist assistant)
5103	Ultrasound soft tissue
1408	Dialyses line placement