

Denial Rates on Charges Submitted for Medicare Services
(based on summary from CMS)

Physician Specialty	Percent Denied
General Surgery	12.93%
Allergy/Immunology	8.24%
Otolaryngology	12.27%
Anesthesiology	9.92%
Cardiology	9.09%
Dermatology	6.69%
Family Practice	8.64%
Gastroenterology	7.69%
Internal Medicine	8.38%
Neurology	9.25%
Neurosurgery	16.99%
Obstetrics/Gynecology	16.33%
Ophthalmology	7.45%
Orthopedic Surgery	11.34%
Clinical Pathology	7.87%
Peripheral Vascular Disease, Medical or Surgical	17.02%
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	11.12%
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	8.13%
Psychiatry, Neurology	10.49%
Colorectal Surgery	7.32%
Pulmonary Disease	11.41%
Radiation Therapy	9.17%
Thoracic Surgery	8.31%
Urology	15.67%
Pediatric Medicine	5.55%
Geriatric Medicine	6.75%
Nephrology	15.34%
Hand Surgery	6.95%
Infectious Disease	7.02%
Endocrinology	13.64%
Rheumatology	7.30%
Vascular Surgery	12.48%
Cardiac Surgery	8.14%
Hematology	9.18%
Hematology/Oncology	8.42%
Emergency Medicine	8.62%
Interventional Radiology	13.16%

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