



Appendix 1: Hand Surgery Procedure Minimum Numbers

This list is intended to be used in conjunction with the Procedure Log Guidelines for Residency and Fellowship Programs to ensure comprehensive documentation and compliance with training requirements.

Minimum numbers represent what the Central Accreditation Committee believes to be an acceptable minimal experience. Minimum numbers are not a final target number and achievement of the minimum does not signify competence.

Each procedural category encompasses multiple procedures; therefore, all applicable CPT codes have been included. Within each category, exposure to a range of procedures is desirable to demonstrate breadth of experience and procedural capability, although completion of every listed procedure is not required for graduation.

Procedure category	Applicable CPT codes	Minimum
Amputations	25900; 25905; 25907; 25909; 25920; 25922; 25924; 25927; 25929; 25931; 26910; 26951; 26952	5
Peripheral nerve decompression	29848; 64721; 64718; 64719	15
Flexor tendon repair	20924; 25260; 25263; 25265; 25280; 26350; 26352; 26356; 26357; 26358; 26370; 26372; 26373; 26390; 26392; 26478; 26479	10
Extensor tendon repair	20924; 25270; 25272; 25274; 25280; 26410; 26412; 26415; 26416; 26418; 26420; 26426; 26428; 26432; 26433; 26434; 26437; 26476; 26477	10
Finger arthrodesis or arthroplasty	26530; 26531; 26535; 26536; 26841; 26850; 26852; 26860; 26861; 26862; 26863	8
Fixation of metacarpal fractures	26546; 26565; 26568; 26608; 26615; 26650; 26665; 26706; 26715; 26746	10



Fixation of phalangeal fractures	26546; 26567; 26568; 26727; 26735; 26746; 26756; 26765; 26776; 26785	12
Nerve repair	20802; 20805; 20808; 20816; 20822; 20824; 20827; 26551; 26553; 26554; 26556; 64831; 64832; 64384; 64835; 64836; 64837; 64856; 64857; 64859; 64861; 64872; 64874; 64876; 64890; 64891; 64892; 64893; 64895; 64896; 64897; 64898; 64901; 64902; 64905; 64907; 64910; 64911; 64912	10
Vascular repair	15756; 15757; 15758; 20802; 20805; 20808; 20816; 20822; 20824; 20827; 20955; 20956; 20962; 20969; 20970; 20972; 20973; 26551; 26553; 26554; 26556; 35045; 35206; 35207; 35236; 35266; 64820; 64821; 64822; 64823	10
ORIF/CREF distal radius fractures	25606; 25607; 25608; 25609	12
Scaphoid fracture	25430; 25440; 25608; 25685; 25628	10
Soft tissue reconstruction	14000; 14020; 14021; 14040; 14041; 14350; 15050; 15100; 15101; 15110; 15111; 15115; 15116; 15120; 15121; 15130; 15131; 15135; 15136; 15220; 15221; 155572; 155574; 15610; 15620; 15734; 15736; 15740; 15750; 15756; 15757; 15758; 20969; 20970; 20972; 20973; 26551; 26553; 26554; 26556; 26560; 26561; 26562; 26580; 26587; 26590; 26596	18
Tendon transfers	25310; 25312; 26485	6
Thumb CMCJ surgery (including excision/arthroplasty)	25210; 25445; 25447	5
Wrist arthroplasty/arthrodesis, limited or complete	25215; 25332; 25441; 25442; 25443; 25444; 25445; 25446; 25447; 25449; 25800; 25805; 25810; 25820; 25825; 25830	8
Wrist arthroscopy	29840; 29843; 29844; 29845; 29846; 29847	5



Wrist instability or dislocation	25107; 25320; 25337; 25645; 25670; 25671; 25676; 25685; 25695	10
Tendon sheath surgery (trigger finger, ECU tendinitis, De Quervain)	26055; 25000; 25118	5
Ganglion and tumor excision such as enchondroma	25111; 25112; 26160; 26210; 26215	5
Dupuytren contracture release	26040; 26045; 26121; 26123; 26125	5
Congenital hand anomalies surgery	26550; 26560; 26561; 26562; 11200; 26587; 26590; 26596; 26551; 26553; 26555; 26568; 26580; 26593	5
Total procedures listed		184
Minimum total procedures required		250

The total minimum procedural requirement for graduation is 250 procedures. The table includes 184 specified procedures; the remaining procedures required to reach the total of 250 may be drawn from any other procedures listed in the table or from other relevant procedures not specifically listed, provided they are appropriate to the fellow's training and scope of practice.



Resident/fellow Roles

When fellows enter a case into the NIHS Procedure Log System, they must indicate their major role in the case (autonomy level).

- **Independent Surgeon/Physician:** must perform greater than or equal to 50 percent of the clinical management/procedure, including the key portion(s) of the clinical management/procedure. This is consistent with level 4 on the EPA entrustment scale.
- **Assistant:** involved/scrubbed in and performed less than 50 percent of the clinical management/procedure or greater than or equal to 50 percent, but not the key portion(s) of the clinical management/procedure. This is consistent with level 2/3 on the EPA entrustment scale.
- **Teaching Assistant:** This is consistent with level 5 on the EPA entrustment scale. To be recorded as Teaching Assistant in the Procedure Log System, an entrusted resident/fellow must instruct and assist a more junior resident/fellow through a clinical management/procedure. The more junior resident/fellow must function as Surgeon/Physician and perform greater than or equal to 50 percent of the clinical management/procedure, including the key portions. The attending/faculty member must function as Assistant or Observer.