208G00000X THORACIC SURGERY (CARDIOTHORACIC VASCULAR SURGERY) Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Code Set

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208G00000X Thoracic Surgery (Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgery) Physician

Taxonomy Code	208G00000X
Status	Active
Level	Level II Classification
Short Name	Thoracic Surgery (Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgery)
Full Name	Thoracic Surgery (Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgery) Physician
Level I, Provider Grouping	Allopathic & Osteopathic Physicians
Level II, Classification	Thoracic Surgery (Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgery)
Description	A thoracic surgeon provides the operative, perioperative and critical care of patients with pathologic conditions within the chest. Included is the surgical care of coronary artery disease, cancers of the lung, esophagus and chest wall, abnormalities of the trachea, abnormalities of the great vessels and heart valves, congenital anomalies, tumors of the mediastinum and diseases of the diaphragm. The management of the airway and injuries of the chest is within the scope of the specialty.
Additional Information	Source: American Board of Medical Specialties, 2007. www.abms.org [7/1/2007: definition added, source added] Additional Resources: American Board of Thoracic Surgery, 2007. http://www.abts.org/. Board certification for Medical Doctors (MDs) is provided by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. Thoracic surgeons have the knowledge, experience and technical skills to accurately diagnose, operate upon safely, and effectively manage patients with thoracic diseases of the chest. This requires substantial knowledge of cardiorespiratory physiology and oncology, as well as capability in the use of heart assist devices, management of abnormal heart rhythms and drainage of the chest cavity, respiratory support systems, endoscopy and invasive and noninvasive diagnostic techniques.

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