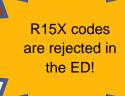
Z187/8/9 – Complex Laceration Codes

The Short Version

•	Z187 -	- Face\$92	2.30
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- Z189 Zone I repair of finger.....\$92.30
- Z188 Anywhere else.....\$92.30



Billing Group Interpretation

To bill the Z187 code you must to do one of the three repairs listed below

- anatomical alignment of the vermillion border, eyebrow, eyelid, pinna
- three layer closures
- Ligation of multiple bleeders.

To bill the **Z188 (no Zone I finger or face)** you must do one of the 2 repairs listed below:

- three layer closure
- ligation of multiple bleeders

Beware of the following traps!

- For facial lacerations > 10 cm on the face bill lac codes Z190/Z192 (pays more)
- Revision amputation of a distal phalanx? bill R629 and not the Z189

Example:

<u>Case:</u> Monday 0130 am - 28 male – laceration through vermilion border. You assess the patient and repair

the lip, taking 22 minutes of repair time.

<u>Document:</u> ED charting + Procedure note with times for repair (0135 – 0157 or 22 mins)

Blue Sheet Coding: H123 + Z187 + E413

^{**} All 3 codes require a minimum time requirement of **20 MINUTES** that **MUST** be documented!