# Orthopedic Billing Secrets: Hidden Revenue & CPT Code Cheat Sheet 2025

Discover how to stop missing revenue in your orthopedic billing process. This condensed guide highlights hidden CPT opportunities, must-know modifiers, and billing workflow tips designed to help your practice grow smarter, not harder.

## Hidden Revenue Gaps in Ortho Billing

- Overused safe codes like 29881 often miss billable add-ons (G0289).
- Modifiers like 59, XU, 22, and 54/55 can make or break reimbursement.
- EMRs may not prompt for all chargeable CPTs—manual oversight is key.

## High-Yield Codes to Watch

- 29826 + 29827 (Shoulder arthroscopy)
- G0289 (Knee arthroscopy, separate compartment)
- 20985 (Surgical navigation)
- 22513–22515 (Vertebroplasty)
- 99291–99292 (Critical care for trauma cases)

## Quick CPT + Modifier Reference

| Procedure | CPT | Modifier | When to Use | Avoid This |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shoulder Arthroscopy | 29826 + 29827 | 59, LT | Separate decompression + repair | Wrong modifier sequencing |
| Knee Arthroscopy | 29881 + G0289 | 59, RT | Two compartments treated | Bundling denial |
| Fracture Care | 25600 | 54 + 55 | Split care across providers | Missing shared care codes |
| Spine Fusion | 22633 + 22853 | 22 | Complex instrumentation | No op note detail |
| Navigation Tech | 20985 | None | Used intraoperatively | No documentation |

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