

Case Study: **OVERSERVICING**

CASE DETAILS

- Patient presented with abdominal pain and a suprapubic mass on physical exam.
 - Ultrasound of the pelvis suggested the presence of uterine fibroids and an endometrial polyp, as well as normal ovulation follicles in the ovaries.
- Doctor performed the following procedures:
 - 1 | Open myomectomy (SI815U)
 - 2 | Cystectomy (SI8030)
 - 3 | Dilation & Curettage (D&C) (SI843U)
 - 4 | Transcervical resection of polyp (TCR)<2cm (SI704C)



PANEL DECISION

The Panel assessed that:

Cystectomy was not warranted as pre-operative ultrasound of the ovaries showed normal ovulation follicles (cyst-like), which were not indicated for removal. Histology later confirmed that the removed lesion was a physiological cyst.

Total charges from inappropriate items/codes: **~\$9,900**

KEY LEARNING POINTS

- ✓ Conditions that can be treated with observation or conservative treatment should not be surgically managed.

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- ✓ SI815U (5A) Open myomectomy
 - ✓ SI704C (2B) Transcervical resection of polyp (TCR)<2cm
 - ✓ SI843U (2A) Dilation & Curettage (D&C)
 - ✗ SI8030 (3B) Cystectomy
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