Recent Major Surgery, Physical Trauma or Burns 359

Category	**ALL**
Risk Level.	**LOW**

Risk Description

A participant who had:

- Major surgery – It is considered major surgery if a body cavity (brain, chest or abdomen) was opened during the surgery. Cesarean section (c-section) is included.
- Physical Trauma – Serious accident or injury (broken bones, multiple stitches, etc.)
- Burns – Burns must require medical treatment
- All conditions must be severe enough to affect nutrition status. This could include minor surgeries with major complications, if nutrition status is affected.

At risk if:	Participant had major surgery (including C-Section), physical trauma or burns **< 2 months ago as self-reported** **– OR –** **> 2 months ago and needing continued nutritional support as diagnosed by a health care provider**

NOT at risk if:	Participant had minor surgery: ▪ Laparoscopic surgery without complication ▪ Mole removal ▪ Biopsy ▪ Oral surgery ▪ Ear tubes ▪ Tonsillectomy

Reason for Risk

Recovery from major surgery, physical trauma or burns requires good nutrient intake.

How is Risk Assigned?

- CPA-selected.
- Select this risk from the "Select Risks/Sub Risks" pop-up during the Health History or on the "Risk Factors" screen.

Additional Documentation

Document the specific type of surgery, physical trauma or burns in the "Notes" or "Progress Notes," except for Caesarian Section when documented in the health history questionnaire.

Education/Referrals

Additional protein, calories and good vitamin and mineral intake can help replace nutrients lost during the recovery from surgery or injury.

Example

Nannette is at WIC for her recertification appointment as a breastfeeding woman. Her baby is 6 weeks old. Nannette had a c-section delivery. She would qualify for Risk 359.