Reoperation, coronary artery bypass procedure or valve procedure, more than 1 month after original operation (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
(Use 33530 in conjunction with 33400-33496; 33510-33536, 33863)

AMA Coding Guideline
Combined Arterial-Venous Grafting for Coronary Bypass
The following codes are used to report coronary artery bypass procedures using venous grafts and arterial grafts during the same procedure. These codes may NOT be used alone.
To report combined arterial-venous grafts it is necessary to report two codes: (1) the appropriate combined arterial-venous graft code (33517-33523); and (2) the appropriate arterial graft code (33533-33536).
Procurement of the saphenous vein graft is included in the description of the work for 33517-33523 and should not be reported as a separate service or co-surgery. Procurement of the artery for grafting is included in the description of the work for 33533-33536 and should not be reported as a separate service or co-surgery, except when an upper extremity artery (eg, radial artery) is procured.
To report harvesting of an upper extremity artery, use 35600 in addition to the bypass procedure. To report harvesting of an upper extremity vein, use 35500 in addition to the bypass procedure. To report harvesting of a femoropopliteal vein segment, report 35572 in addition to the bypass procedure. When surgical assistant performs arterial and/or venous graft procurement, add modifier 80 to 33517-33523, 33533-33536, as appropriate. For percutaneous ventricular assist device insertion, removal, repositioning, see 33990-33993.
Please see the Surgical Guidelines section for the following guidelines:
• Surgical Procedures on the Cardiovascular System

Plain English Description
The heart is accessed by reopening the sternum. Special care must be taken because of scar tissues that may have formed from the previous surgery. Cardiopulmonary bypass is initiated to maintain heart function and the reoperation for coronary artery bypass or valve procedure is completed. Cardiopulmonary bypass is discontinued and the chest is closed. Report when the operation is done more than one month after the original procedure.