

Billing and Coding Guidelines

LCD Title

Sacroiliac Joint Injections

General

1. Procedure code 27096 is to be used only with imaging confirmation of intra-articular needle positioning.
2. If the muscles surrounding the sacroiliac joint are injected in lieu of the joint, then a trigger point injection should be reported and not a sacroiliac joint injection.
3. It is not appropriate to use CPT code 20610, Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection; major joint or bursa (eg, shoulder, hip, knee joint, subacromial bursa); without ultrasound guidance or CPT code 20611 Arthrocentesis, aspiration and /or injection, major joint or bursa (eg. shoulder, hip, knee, subacromial bursa); with ultrasound guidance, with permanent recording and reporting for SI joint injections.
4. Procedure code 27096 represents a unilateral procedure. If bilateral SI joint arthrography is performed, 27096 should be reported with a –50 modifier.
5. CPT code G0260 should be billed by facilities paid by OPPS.
6. Use CPT code 64999 (Unlisted procedure, nervous system) for pulsed radiofrequency and the denervation procedures of the sacro-iliac joint/nerves. Pulsed radiofrequency for denervation is considered investigational and therefore, not medically necessary. Sacro-iliac joint/nerve denervation procedures are also considered investigational and not medically necessary.

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