

RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION

National Medicare Reimbursement Guide

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NEUROMODULATION MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT GUIDE

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MEDICARE CODING EXAMPLE

CPT‡ CODE	DESCRIPTION	MEDICARE NON-FACILITY RATE
OFFICE BASED PROCEDURE, 2 UNILATERAL CERVICAL SPINE FACET JOINTS		
64633	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, single facet joint	\$433
64634	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, each additional facet joint	\$255
Total		\$688
OFFICE BASED PROCEDURE, 2 UNILATERAL LUMBAR SPINE FACET JOINTS		
64635	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, single facet joint	\$437
64636	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, each additional facet joint	\$240
Total		\$677

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- These codes represent a single lead. When more than one lead is placed, each is coded separately. (AMA CPT Assistant, June 1998, p.4)
- Some payers recognize that each code represents a distinct lead when modifier 59 is appended to additional codes.
- Medicare's Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) allow 2 units for code 63650 on the same date of service, Denials for units in excess of the MUE values may be appealed. For billing multiple leads to non-Medicare payers, contact the payer for instructions.

MEDICARE CODING EXAMPLE

CPT‡ CODE	MODIFIER	DESCRIPTION	MEDICARE NON-FACILITY RATE
OFFICE BASED PROCEDURE, 2 BILATERAL CERVICAL SPINE FACET JOINTS			
64633	-50	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, single facet joint	\$650
64634		Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, each additional facet joint	\$383
Total			\$1,032
OFFICE BASED PROCEDURE, 2 BILATERAL LUMBAR SPINE FACET JOINTS			
64635	-50	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, single facet joint	\$656
64636		Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, each additional facet joint	\$360
Total			\$1,016

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CPT‡ CODE	DESCRIPTION	WORK RVU	MEDICARE FACILITY RATE	MEDICARE NON-FACILITY RATE
CERVICAL SPINE/THORACIC SPINE				
64633	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, single facet joint	3.32	\$187	\$433
64634	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, each additional facet joint	1.32	\$65	\$255
LUMBAR SPINE/ SACRAL SPINE				
64635	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, single facet joint	3.32	\$187	\$437
64636	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, each additional facet joint	1.16	\$58	\$240
GENICULAR NERVE				
64624	Destruction by neurolytic agent, genicular nerve branches including imaging guidance, when performed	2.5	\$142	\$385
SACROILIAC JOINT				
64625	Radiofrequency ablation, nerves innervating the sacroiliac joint, with image guidance (i.e., fluoroscopy or computed tomography)	3.39	\$190	\$467
OTHER PERIPHERAL NERVES				
64640*	Destruction by neurolytic agent; other peripheral nerve or branch	1.98	\$116	\$244
77002	Fluoroscopic guidance for needle placement (e.g., biopsy, aspiration, injection, localization device)	0.54	NA	\$116

- CPT‡ code 64640 may not be billed more than 5 times on a single date of service.

- Some services or procedures performed by HCP's may not have specific CPT codes. When submitting claims for these services or procedures that are not otherwise specified please contact your HE&R representative.

NA= No reimbursement data available

CPT# CODE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS INDICATOR	APC	MEDICARE FACILITY RATE
CERVICAL SPINE/THORACIC SPINE				
64633	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, single facet joint	J1	5431	\$1,798
64634	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, each additional facet joint	N	NA	Packaged
LUMBAR SPINE/ SACRAL SPINE				
64635	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, single facet joint	J1	5431	\$1,798
64636	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, each additional facet joint	N	NA	Packaged
GENICULAR NERVE				
64624	Destruction by neurolytic agent, genicular nerve branches including imaging guidance, when performed	J1	5431	\$1,798
SACROILIAC JOINT				
64625	Radiofrequency ablation, nerves innervating the sacroiliac joint, with image guidance (ie, fluoroscopy or computed tomography)	J1	5431	\$1,798
OTHER PERIPHERAL NERVES				
64640	Destruction by neurolytic agent; other peripheral nerve or branch	T	5443	\$852
77002	Fluoroscopic guidance for needle placement (e.g., biopsy, aspiration, injection, localization device)	N	NA	Packaged

- J1 = Hospital Part B services paid through a comprehensive APC
- N = Items and services packaged into APC rates
- T = Significant procedure, multiple reduction applies

CPT# CODE	DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT INDICATOR	MULTI-PROCEDURE DISCOUNT	MEDICARE FACILITY RATE
CERVICAL SPINE/ THORACIC SPINE				
64633	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, single facet joint	G2	Y	\$854
64634	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, each additional facet joint	N1	N	\$0
LUMBAR SPINE/ SACRAL SPINE				
64635	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, single facet joint	G2	Y	\$854
64636	Destruction by neurolytic agent, paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, each additional facet joint	N1	N	\$0
GENICULAR NERVE				
64624	Destruction by neurolytic agent, genicular nerve branches including imaging guidance, when performed	G2	Y	\$854
SACROILIAC JOINT				
64625	Radiofrequency ablation, nerves innervating the sacroiliac joint, with image guidance (ie, fluoroscopy or computed tomography)	G2	Y	\$854
OTHER PERIPHERAL NERVES				
64640	Destruction by neurolytic agent; other peripheral nerve or branch	P3	Y	\$172
77002	Fluoroscopic guidance for needle placement (e.g., biopsy, aspiration, injection, localization device)	N1	NA	NA

- G2 = Non office-based surgical procedure added in CY 2008 or later; payment based on OPPS relative payment rate.
- N1 = Package service/item; no separate payment made.
- P3 = Office-based surgical procedure added to ASC list in CY2008 or later with MPFS non-facility PE RVUs payment based on non-facility PE RVUs.

NA= No reimbursement data available

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