

Dermatology Coding Alert

Know Your EMG Codes

Your dermatologist may use electromyographic guidance (EMG) during Botox injections to ensure the proper needle location within the muscles he or she is treating. Each state Medicare carrier provides its own listing of allowable EMG codes for Botox injections, but we've pulled together the most common codes in this list:

92265 - Needle oculoelectromyography, one or more extraocular muscles, one or both eyes, with interpretation and report

95860 - Needle electromyography; one extremity with or without related paraspinal areas

95861 - ... two extremities with or without related paraspinal areas

95867 - ... cranial nerve supplied muscle[s], unilateral

95868 - ... cranial nerve supplied muscles, bilateral

95869 - ... thoracic paraspinal muscles (excluding T1 or T12)

95870 - ... limited study of muscles in one extremity or non-limb (axial) muscles (unilateral or bilateral), other than thoracic paraspinal, cranial nerve supplied muscles, or sphincters