

Dermatology Coding Alert

Reader Question: Use 69300 for Ear Pinning

Question: How should I report ear pinning?

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Answer: Ear pinning is also known as otoplasty. This surgical procedure involves exposing and reshaping the deformed ear cartilages, creating the missing ear folds, and positioning the ears in proper location adjacent to the mastoid bones of the skull. The correct code to use for the procedure is 69300 (Otoplasty, protruding ear, with or without size reduction).