

Internal Medicine Coding Alert

Correction: Reflect Phenergan With HCPCS Code J2550, Not J2250

When coding for Phenergan, don't mix up the "25" with a "22."

You should use J2550 (Injection, promethazine HCl, up to 50 mg) for Phenergan (generic promethazine). The February 2006 Internal Medicine Coding Alert lists the J code for Phenergan incorrectly as J2250 (Injection, midazolam HCl, per 1 mg), says **Lisa Worthington-White, RHIT, CPC**, coding manager at White-Wilson Medical Center in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

The example in "Take an Extra Step for Infusions Involving Multiple Substances" that describes a 30-minute infusion of Phenergan and a 250-cc bag of common saline solution for a patient who had diarrhea and vomiting should be coded as:

- 90765 ...quot; Intravenous infusion, for therapy, prophylaxis, or diagnosis (specify substance or drug); initial, up to 1 hour
- J2550.

"The case provided the incorrect HCPCS code and description in the example," says **Bruce Rappoport, MD, CPC, CHCC**, principal of advisory services for Rachlin Cohen & Holtz LLP in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Code J2250 (Injection, midazolam HCl, per 1 mg) is for Versed.