

## Internal Medicine Coding Alert

### Reader Question: Select 20610 for Trochanteric Bursa Injection Procedure

Question: How should I code injection of trochanteric bursa and sacral crest? My physician wants to use a trigger point code, but I disagree.

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Answer: The CPT® code for the trochanteric bursa injection is 20610 (Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection; major joint or bursa [e.g., shoulder, hip, knee joint, subacromial bursa]).

It's likely that either 20550 (Injection[s]; single tendon sheath, or ligament, aponeurosis [e.g., plantar "fascia"]) or 20551 (... single tendon origin/insertion) applies to the sacral crest injection, but you may want to check with the physician before you actually file the claim.

Because the sacrum has many ligament and tendon attachments, it's possible that he could be injecting those structures rather than a muscle at the sacral crest.