

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Reader Question: Don't Expect More Payment for All Multiple Injections

Question: Our physician administered two injections into the left knee in two separate locations, one along the patellar tendon and the other along the superior aspect of the patella. Can we report 20610 twice? If so, what is the

appropriate modifier?

Answer: Code 20610 (Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection; major joint or bursa [eg, shoulder, hip, knee joint, subacromial bursa]) is not reported twice or with a modifier in this situation as both the injections are in the same knee and given one after another.