

Eli's Rehab Report

Reader Question: Base Dorsolateral Nerve Block on Injection Type

Question: What is the best CPT Code for a dorso-lateral sacral nerve branch block?

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Answer: The answer depends on whether the physiatrist administers an epidural, a facet joint or other type of injection.

Consider 64483 (Injection, anesthetic agent and/or steroid, transforaminal epidural; lumbar or sacral, single level) if the physician administers the block transforaminally. Select 64475 (Injection, anesthetic agent and/or steroid, paravertebral facet joint or facet joint nerve; lumbar or sacral, single level) if he performs a facet joint injection.

If neither of these codes fits the procedure, you should report 64450 (Injection, anesthetic agent; other peripheral nerve or branch).