

## Eli's Rehab Report

### Reader Question: Diagnosis Code for Piriformis Syndrome

**Question:** Is there a diagnosis code for piriformis syndrome?

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**Answer:** Piriformis is a pear-shaped muscle that is one of the six deep lateral rotators of the hip, and piriformis syndrome involves nerve compression of the sciatic nerve. The ICD-9 code for piriformis syndrome is 355.0 (lesion of the sciatic nerve).

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