

## Eli's Rehab Report

### Reader Question: Somatosensory Evoked Potentials: SSEPs

Question: Our physiatrist documented SSEP for back pain in a patient's chart. Is there a code for SSEP?

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Answer: You should report the 95925-95927 series for short-latency somatosensory evoked potential studies (also known as SSEPs or SEPs), depending on the location of the study:

1. 95925 Short-latency somatosensory evoked potential study, stimulation of any/all peripheral nerves or skin sites, recording from the central nervous system; in upper limbs
2. 95926 ... in lower limbs
3. 95927 ... in the trunk or head.

According to the April 2002 CPT Assistant, "SEPs study codes are defined as bilateral studies. A unilateral study using codes 95925, 95926, or 95927 should be reported with modifier -52 (Reduced services) appended."