

Eli's Rehab Report

Reader Question: Use Alternative for Glossopharyngeal Nerve Code

Question: How should I code a glossopharyngeal nerve block?

Montana Subscriber

Answer: The glossopharyngeal nerve is the ninth cranial nerve. Unlike for other cranial nerves, you won't find a specific CPT code for blocking the glossopharyngeal. Look at 64450 (Injection, anesthetic agent; other peripheral nerve or branch) as a possibility. You might check with your provider to see if they are OK with the "peripheral nerve" description.

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