

## Eli's Rehab Report

### Reader Questions: Check for Direct Supervision of Infusions

**Question:** Can our nurse provide Solu-Medrol to patients in the office, and, if so, must the physiatrist be present during the administration?

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**Answer:** A nurse may administer Solu-Medrol, but the physician must be present in the office suite and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction (that is, direct supervision) during the infusion. The physician does not need to be present in the room when the procedure is performed.

There is no code to report this service if performed by a nurse without physician supervision, and reimbursement will likely be denied if the physician's presence is not clearly noted in the accompanying documentation.

To report the infusion, use 90780 (IV infusion for therapy/diagnosis, administered by physician or under direct supervision of physician; up to one hour) for the first hour and, if necessary, +90781 (... each additional hour, up to eight [8] hours [list separately in addition to code for primary procedure]) for each additional hour.

Remember that if this is a Medicare patient, you should use G0347/G0348 for IV infusion and G0353 for IV push.

You can bill for the drug with HCPCS code J2920 (Injection, methylprednisolone sodium succinate, up to 40 mg) or J2930 (... up to 125 mg), depending on the dosage.