

Eli's Rehab Report

Reader Questions: Pick Out Piriformis Injection Codes

Question: One of our physicians is going to be doing a Piriformis injection. What code should we use?

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Answer: Look to your provider's documentation for the answer. If your provider schedules a piriformis injection, this procedure may be a deep muscle injection or another term for a nerve injection. The piriformis (piriformis) muscle is a deep muscle in the buttock lying diagonally below the large gluteus maximus muscle. It lies on top of the sciatic nerve. Hopefully, the documentation will "clearly tell" what he performed - if not, ask the provider. Potential codes are:

1. 20552 - Injection(s); single or multiple trigger point(s), one or two muscle(s)
2. 64445 - Injection, anesthetic agent; sciatic nerve, single
3. 64450 - Injection, anesthetic agent; other peripheral nerve or branch.