

Outpatient Facility Coding Alert

Reader Question: 27340 Could Be Best for Pretibial Bursectomy Code

Question: How should we code for a pretibial bursectomy?

Illinois Subscriber

Answer: CPT® does not include a code specifically for pretibial bursectomy, so you need to look at similar options.

Your nearest possible choice is for bursectomy of the knee, 27340 (Excision, prepatellar bursa). The femoral bursectomy code is 27062 (Excision; trochanteric bursa or calcification).

Before submitting 27340, however, check the details regarding the surgeon's work. If he simply performed incision and drainage, you shouldn't report a bursectomy. Instead, you should report 27301 (Incision and drainage, deep abscess, bursa, or hematoma, thigh or knee region).