

## Outpatient Facility Coding Alert

### Reader Question: Choose Between 68110, 68115 for Pinguecula Removal

**Question:** What code should I report for the removal of pinguecula?

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**Answer:** Pinguecula is, according to Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary "a yellowish spot of proliferation on the bulbar conjunctiva near the sclerocorneal junction, usually on the nasal side; seen in elderly people."

With respect to coding, you may consider this procedure synonymous with that of an excision of a conjunctival lesion. Depending on the size of the lesion, you may report one of the two following codes:

- 68110 (Excision of lesion, conjunctiva; up to 1 cm)
- 68115 (... over 1 cm).