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READER QUESTIONS: Update Your Coccyx Ulcer Coding

Question: Is a pressure ulcer on the coccyx coded as 707.03 (Pressure ulcer; lower back) or 707.05 (Pressure ulcer; buttock)?

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Answer: A previous answer from AHA Coding Clinic for ICD-9 named 707.05 as the code for a pressure ulcer on the coccyx; however, new clarification from the Coding Clinic in the form of a letter, states that 707.03 is the correct code.