

## Pain Management Coding Alert

### Reader Question: Choose Between 64447 and 64448 for Adductor Canal Block

**Question:** What is the correct way to report an adductor canal block for pain management?

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**Answer:** The correct code depends on whether your provider administered a single shot or placed a catheter for continuous infusion.

**Option 1:** Report a single-shot adductor canal pain block with 64447 (Injection, anesthetic agent; femoral nerve, single).

**Option 2:** Report a continuous infusion catheter pain block with 64448 (Injection, anesthetic agent; femoral nerve, continuous infusion by catheter [including catheter placement]).

The adductor canal (Hunter's canal) is a muscular tunnel in the middle third of the thigh. It contains the femoral artery and vein as well as branches of the femoral nerve.