

## Pain Management Coding Alert

### Reader Question: Get Specifics for Autonomic Agent Shots

**Question:** Notes indicate that the PM physician performed a single autonomic nerve injection for a patient, but I cannot find the correct code for this service. Can you help?

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**Answer:** You're going to need some more detail to choose the proper CPT® code - either by querying the provider or finding more information in the encounter notes.

**Why?** CPT® devotes an entire section to autonomic nerve injections, not just a single code. When you get more information, choose from the following codes for the service:

- 64505 - Injection, anesthetic agent; sphenopalatine ganglion
- 64508 - ... carotid sinus (separate procedure)
- 64510 - ... stellate ganglion (cervical sympathetic)
- 64517 - ... superior hypogastric plexus
- 64520 - ... lumbar or thoracic (paravertebral sympathetic)
- 64530 - ... celiac plexus, with or without radiologic monitoring.