ERRATA for
Pain Management Coding Reference
2020 Edition

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Pages 135-136, Coding Instructions

13. ~~Report radiofrequency of the lateral sacral nerve with code 64640. Separately report each nerve treated via a separate access site.~~

16. When radiofrequency is applied to the lateral sacral nerve branches via a single percutaneous entry site using a catheter with multiple electrodes on it to treat multiple joints (e.g., using Simplicity III™ radiofrequency probe), do not report code ~~64640~~ **64625**. Report unlisted code 64999 instead.

17. ~~Report unlisted code 64999 for radiofrequency ablation of the sacroiliac joint.~~

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2. The electrode array insertion codes are differentiated as percutaneous (64561) or incisional (64581). Report either code 64561 or 64581. ~~Typically, the electrode placed for the trial will be placed percutaneously (64561). When the permanent electrode is placed after a successful trial, it is tunneled and reported with code 64581~~. **Percutaneous placement (64561) may include an incision. Incisional placement (64581) requires open access to the sacrum with anchoring of the electrode array to the sacrum. Percutaneous placement (64561) may include an incision. Incisional placement (64581) requires open access to the sacrum with anchoring of the electrode array to the sacrum.**