



## **CPT Assistant - Fluoroscopy 76000, 76001, 77001, 77002 and 77003 Correction**

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In the second question and answer published in the November 2010 *CPT Assistant* Coding Consultation discussing several Q&As pertaining to “Fluoroscopy”. The following instruction was provided and the highlighted codes were incorrectly included:

*[EXT] “It is important to become familiar with the use of the fluoroscopy codes 77001-77003. Fluoroscopic guidance can be performed as the sole imaging associated with a procedure (77001-77003) for which both the procedure and the fluoroscopic guidance are reported. Fluoroscopy may be performed in combination with other imaging during a procedure (eg, peripherally inserted central venous catheter using both ultrasound 76937 and fluoroscopic guidance 77001) for which the procedure and both imaging codes are reported. For certain procedures, fluoroscopy is considered inclusive of the procedure (eg, 22526, 22527, 62263, 62264, 62267, 62270-62282, 62310-62319) and not separately reportable. Fluoroscopic guidance is considered inclusive of certain organ or anatomic-specific radiological supervision and interpretation procedures 74320, 74355, 74445, 74470, 74475, 75809, 75810, 75885, 75887, 75980, 75982, 75989.”*

**The following provides correction** of the inclusion/exclusion of fluoroscopic guidance: For certain spinal procedures, fluoroscopy is NOT considered inclusive of the procedure (eg, **62267, 62270-62282, 62310-62319**) and is indeed separately reportable, when performed.

Injection of contrast during fluoroscopic guidance and localization is an inclusive component of 62263, 62264, 62267, 62270-62273, 62280-62282, 62310-62319. Fluoroscopic guidance and localization is reported with 77003, unless a formal contrast study (myelography, epidurography, or arthrography) is performed, in which case the use of fluoroscopy is included in the supervision and interpretation codes.

However, certain spine injection and therapeutic spine procedures do include fluoroscopy for which code 77003 is not additionally reported. These codes include the percutaneous lysis of adhesion codes 62263 and 62264, the removal/revision of peripheral neurostimulator codes 63661 – 63664, the transforaminal epidural injection codes 64479-64483, and the paravertebral facet joint codes 64490-64495.

Code **77003** identifies the fluoroscopic guidance to assist in accurately localizing specific spinal anatomy for placement of a needle or catheter tip for spine or paraspinous diagnostic or therapeutic injection procedures (epidural, , subarachnoid, or sacroiliac joint) including neurolytic agent destruction. Therefore, code **77003** is reported in conjunction with codes **62267, 62270-62273, 62280-62282, and 62310-62319**, when fluoroscopic guidance is necessary and performed with these injection, drainage or aspiration procedures.