TriCor™
Sacroiliac Joint
Fusion System
Reimbursement Guide
Market Access
CODING GUIDE

The TriCor Sacroiliac Joint Fusion System was developed as a minimally invasive or open surgical option for patients who have failed conservative treatment options for some causes of sacroiliac (SI) joint pain. The TriCor System is intended for sacroiliac joint fusion for conditions including sacroiliac joint disruptions and degenerative sacroiliitis.

Physician

CPT Code | CPT Description
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Minimally Invasive or Percutaneous (indirect visualization)
0334T | Sacroiliac joint stabilization for arthrodesis, percutaneous or minimally invasive (indirect visualization), includes obtaining and applying autograft or allograft (structural or morselized), when performed, includes image guidance when performed (eg, CT or fluoroscopic)

Open (direct visualization)
27280 | Arthrodesis, sacroiliac joint (including obtaining graft)

Hospital Outpatient and Free-Standing Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)

CPT Code | CPT Description | OPPS Status Indicator | APC Group | ASC Payment Indicator
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Hospital Inpatient - Common Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRGs)

ICD-9-CM Procedure Code & Description | MS-DRG & Description* | HCPCS Code | HCPCS Description
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81.29 – Arthrodesis of other specified joints | 515 – Other Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue Procedure with MCC 516 – Other Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue Procedure with CC 517 – Other Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue Procedure without CC/MCC | C1713 | Anchor/screw for opposing bone-to-bone or soft tissue-to-bone (implantable)

Coding Guidance

The American Medical Association’s (AMA) CPT Assistant September 2013 publication states:

- Code 27280 is reported for a sacroiliac joint fusion using an open approach requiring direct visualization.
- Code 0334T is the only appropriate code for a sacroiliac joint (SIJ) fusion involving percutaneous or minimally invasive techniques.
- Though code 27216 includes the words percutaneous and sacroiliac joint, the intent of the code is for a much more extensive repair of fractures or dislocations that disrupt the pelvic ring.
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