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22513-22515

22513 Percutaneous vertebral augmentation, including cavity creation (fracture reduction and bone biopsy included when performed) using mechanical device (eg, kyphoplasty), 1 vertebral body, unilateral or bilateral cannulation, inclusive of all imaging guidance; thoracic

22514 lumbar

22515 each additional thoracic or lumbar vertebral body (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)



Vertebral augmentation is performed percutaneously

Explanation

The physician performs a percutaneous kyphoplasty, a modification of the percutaneous vertebroplasty, to reduce the pain associated with osteoporotic vertebral compression fractures. This procedure has the added advantage of restoring vertebral body. The patient is placed in a prone, slightly flexed position. A 5 mm to 7 mm incision is made and small cannulae are inserted into the vertebral body from one or both sides. Balloon catheters, called "tamps," are inserted into the vertebral alignment. The balloon is removed and bone cement is injected into the cavity. Report 22513 when the procedure is performed in the thoracic spine; 22514 when the procedure is performed in the lumbar spine; and 22515 for each additional vertebral body. These codes include all imaging guidance performed.

Coding Tips

As an "add-on" code, 22515 is not subject to multiple procedure rules. No reimbursement reduction or modifier 51 is applied. Add-on codes describe additional intra-service work associated with the primary procedure. They are performed by the same physician on the same date of service as the primary service/procedure, and must never be reported as a stand-alone code. Use 22515 in conjunction with 22513–22514. Do not report 22513–22515 in conjunction with 20225, 22310–22315, 22325, or 22327 when they are performed at the same vertebral level. Moderate (conscious) sedation performed with 22513–22515 is considered to be an integral part of the procedure and is not reported separately. However, anesthesia services (00100–01999) may be reported separately when performed by an anesthesiologist (or other qualified provider) other than the physician performing the procedure. Imaging guidance is included in these procedures

and is not reported separately. For percutaneous vertebroplasty, see 22510–22512.

ICD-10-CM Diagnostic Codes

- M48.43XA Fatigue fracture of vertebra, cervicothoracic region, initial encounter for fracture
- M48.44XA Fatigue fracture of vertebra, thoracic region, initial encounter for fracture
- M48.45XA Fatigue fracture of vertebra, thoracolumbar region, initial encounter for fracture
- M48.46XA Fatigue fracture of vertebra, lumbar region, initial encounter for fracture
- M48.47XA Fatigue fracture of vertebra, lumbosacral region, initial encounter for fracture
- M48.53XA Collapsed vertebra, not elsewhere classified, cervicothoracic region, initial encounter for fracture
- M48.54XA Collapsed vertebra, not elsewhere classified, thoracic region, initial encounter for fracture
- M48.55XA Collapsed vertebra, not elsewhere classified, thoracolumbar region, initial encounter for fracture
- M48.56XA Collapsed vertebra, not elsewhere classified, lumbar region, initial encounter for fracture
- M48.57XA Collapsed vertebra, not elsewhere classified, lumbosacral region, initial encounter for fracture
- M80.08XA Age-related osteoporosis with current pathological fracture, vertebra(e), initial encounter for fracture
- M88.1 Osteitis deformans of vertebrae
- S22.011A Stable burst fracture of first thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
- S22.011B Stable burst fracture of first thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
- S22.012A Unstable burst fracture of first thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
- S22.012B Unstable burst fracture of first thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
- S22.021A Stable burst fracture of second thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
- S22.021B Stable burst fracture of second thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
- S22.022A Unstable burst fracture of second thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
- S22.022B Unstable burst fracture of second thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
- S22.031A Stable burst fracture of third thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
- S22.031B Stable burst fracture of third thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
- S22.032A Unstable burst fracture of third thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
- S22.032B Unstable burst fracture of third thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
- S22.041A Stable burst fracture of fourth thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
- S22.041B Stable burst fracture of fourth thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
- S22.042A Unstable burst fracture of fourth thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture

S22.042B	Unstable burst fracture of fourth thoracic vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S22.051A	Stable burst fracture of T5-T6 vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S22.051B	Stable burst fracture of T5-T6 vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S22.052A	Unstable burst fracture of T5-T6 vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S22.052B	Unstable burst fracture of T5-T6 vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S22.061A	Stable burst fracture of T7-T8 vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S22.061B	Stable burst fracture of T7-T8 vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S22.062A	Unstable burst fracture of T7-T8 vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S22.062B	Unstable burst fracture of T7-T8 vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S22.071A	Stable burst fracture of T9-T10 vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S22.071B	Stable burst fracture of T9-T10 vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S22.072A	Unstable burst fracture of T9-T10 vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S22.072B	Unstable burst fracture of T9-T10 vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S22.081A	Stable burst fracture of T11-T12 vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S22.081B	Stable burst fracture of T11-T12 vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S22.082A	Unstable burst fracture of T11-T12 vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S22.082B	Unstable burst fracture of T11-T12 vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.011A	Stable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.011B	Stable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.012A	Unstable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.012B	Unstable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.021A	Stable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.021B	Stable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.022A	Unstable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.022B	Unstable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.031A	Stable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.031B	Stable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.032A	Unstable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture

S32.032B	Unstable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
	for open fracture

- S32.041A Stable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
- S32.041B Stable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
- S32.042A Unstable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
- S32.042B Unstable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
- S32.051A Stable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
- S32.051B Stable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
- S32.052A Unstable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
- S32.052B Unstable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture

HCPCS Equivalent Codes

N/A

Medicare Edits

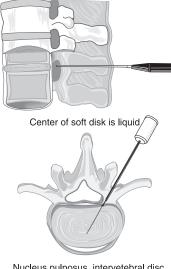
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22514	14.59	209.22	10	A	1(2)
22515	6.61	126.77	N/A	A	5(3)

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22514	51	N/A	N/A	N/A	
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62267

62267 Percutaneous aspiration within the nucleus pulposus, intervertebral disc, or paravertebral tissue for diagnostic purposes

Physician aspirates paravertebral tissue



Nucleus pulposus, intervetebral disc or paravertebral tissue is aspirated for diagnostic evaluation

Explanation

The physician removes contents within the intervertebral disc, nucleus pulposus, or paravertebral tissue with a needle for diagnostic purposes. Separately reportable computed tomography or fluoroscopic guidance verifies placement of the needle. A spinal needle is inserted, the contents of the targeted location are aspirated, and the needle is removed. The wound is dressed. If this procedure is performed under fluoroscopic guidance, injection of the contrast is an inclusive component and is not reported separately.

Coding Tips

For imaging guidance of needle placement, see 77003. Do not report 62267 with 10022, 20225, 62287, 62290 or 62291.

ICD-10-CM Diagnostic Codes

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G06.1	Intraspinal abscess and granuloma
M46.02	Spinal enthesopathy, cervical region
M46.03	Spinal enthesopathy, cervicothoracic region
M46.04	Spinal enthesopathy, thoracic region
M46.05	Spinal enthesopathy, thoracolumbar region
M46.06	Spinal enthesopathy, lumbar region
M46.07	Spinal enthesopathy, lumbosacral region
M46.08	Spinal enthesopathy, sacral and sacrococcygeal region
M46.22	Osteomyelitis of vertebra, cervical region
M46.23	Osteomyelitis of vertebra, cervicothoracic region
M46.24	Osteomyelitis of vertebra, thoracic region
M46.25	Osteomyelitis of vertebra, thoracolumbar region
M46.26	Osteomyelitis of vertebra, lumbar region
M46.27	Osteomyelitis of vertebra, lumbosacral region
M46.28	Osteomyelitis of vertebra, sacral and sacrococcygeal region
M46.32	Infection of intervertebral disc (pyogenic), cervical region
M46.33	Infection of intervertebral disc (pyogenic), cervicothoracic region

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