

HTG34 - Percutaneous endoscopic laser thoracic discectomy

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Procedure:

OPCS-4 code(s):

V31.4 Primary percutaneous endoscopic excision of thoracic intervertebral disc

V55.- Levels of spine

Y08.1 Laser excision of organ NOC

Y53.- Approach to organ under image control

Or

Y68.- Other approach to organ under image control

Note: Codes in category **V55.-** are assigned in second place each time a spinal operation is coded; if the levels of spine are not specified, **V55.9 Unspecified levels of spine** is assigned.

Note: Codes in category **Y53 Approach to organ under image control** and **Y68 Other approach to organ under image control** are used as additional codes for any procedure that uses image control that may or may not be performed via percutaneous approach.

Note: When a procedure has been performed using image control and the code that classifies the procedure **does not** state the type of image control used, then a code from these categories **must be** assigned. If the specific method of image control is not stated, the fourth-character **.9** must be assigned.

Diagnosis or health condition:

ICD-10 code(s):

M51.2 Other specified intervertebral disc displacement

Clinical coding recommendations for NICE guidance

For each published interventional procedure guidance, we work with NHS England to provide relevant clinical coding information.

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NICE and NHS England Terminology and Classifications Delivery Service work collaboratively to ensure the most appropriate OPCS-4 and ICD-10 codes are provided.

NHS England is the national release centre for the UK edition of ICD-10 and OPCS-4. Further Classifications information, see [here](#).