

HTG397 – Percutaneous coblation of the intervertebral disc for low back pain and sciatica

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Procedure and device:

SNOMED CT preferred term (concept ID)

OPCS- 4 codes:

V60.- Primary percutaneous decompression using coblation to intervertebral disc

V55.- Levels of spine

Y53.4 Approach to organ under fluoroscopic control

Or:

V61.- Revisional percutaneous decompression using coblation to intervertebral disc

V55.- Levels of spine

Y53.4 Approach to organ under fluoroscopic control

Note: Codes within categories **V60** and **V61** specify the area of the spine where the operation takes place. If the area of spine is not specified, the code **V60.9 Unspecified primary percutaneous decompression using coblation to intervertebral disc** or **V61.9 Unspecified revisional percutaneous decompression using coblation to intervertebral disc** is used.

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

Diagnosis or health condition:

SNOMED CT preferred term (concept ID)

ICD-10 code(s):

M54.5 Low back pain

or

M54.3 Sciatica

Clinical coding recommendations for NICE guidance

For each published interventional procedure and medical technologies guidance, we work with NHS Digital to provide relevant clinical coding information.

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NICE and NHS Digital Information Representation Services work collaboratively to ensure the most appropriate SNOMED CT, OPCS-4 and ICD codes are provided.

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