

IPG31 – Endoscopic laser foraminoplasty

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Procedure and device:

SNOMED CT preferred term (concept ID)

Endoscopic laser foraminoplasty of lumbar spine (822281000000109)

OPCS-4 code(s):

V56.- Primary foraminoplasty of spine

V55.- Levels of spine

Y76.3 Endoscopic approach to other body cavity

Or if this is a revisional procedure:

V57.- Revisional foraminoplasty of spine

V55.- Levels of spine

Y76.3 Endoscopic approach to other body cavity

Note: Codes from categories **V56.-** or **V57.-** are selected depending on the site in the spine that is operated on, and fourth character detail is required.

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, **V55.9 Unspecified levels of spine** is used.

Clinical coding recommendations for NICE guidance

For each published interventional procedure and medical technologies guidance, we work with the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) to provide relevant clinical coding information.

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