

IP843/2 - Transaxial interbody lumbosacral fusion for low back pain

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Procedure and device:

SNOMED CT preferred term (concept ID)

Fluoroscopy guided transaxial interbody lumbosacral fusion (821621000000102)

OPCS-4 code(s):

V33.3 Primary anterior excision of lumbar intervertebral disc and interbody fusion of other joint of lumbar spine

V55. 1 One level of spine

Y53.4 Approach to organ under fluoroscopic control

Z67.6 Lumbosacral joint

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.

Note: Codes within category **Y53.-** are used as secondary codes to classify interventions that are percutaneous and require some form of image control, if the method of image control is unspecified **Y53.9 Unspecified approach to organ under image control** is assigned.

Note: Supplemental posterior instrumentation to provide additional stabilisation and vertebral body spinal fusion of other levels with alternative approaches may be coded in addition depending on the type of instrumentation/stabilisation used or the type of vertebral body spinal fusion and approaches used. Note: It is not possible to indicate that a transaxial approach was used during this procedure using OPCS-4 codes.

Note: The Clinical Classifications Service has advised NICE that currently these are the most suitable OPCS-4 codes to describe this procedure. The OPCS-4 classification is designed to categorise procedures for analysis and it is not always possible to identify a procedure uniquely.

Diagnosis or health condition:

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Low back pain (279039007)

ICD-10 code(s):

M54.5 Low back pain

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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The Clinical Classifications Service of NHS Digital is the central definitive source for clinical coding guidance and determines the coding standards associated with the classifications (OPCS-4 and ICD-10) to be used across the NHS. The Clinical Classifications Service and NICE work collaboratively to ensure the most appropriate classification codes are provided. [Clinical Classifications Service — NHS Digital](#).