

## **Q&A:Surgery: Integumentary System**

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**Question:** When a regenerative peripheral nerve interface (RPNI) is performed, would it be appropriate to report code 15769?

**Answer:** An RPNI involves harvesting a muscle or dermal graft with subsequent wrapping and suture fixation of the muscle or dermal graft over the transected end of a nerve. This procedure is typically performed to treat or prevent symptomatic neuroma. Report code 15769, Grafting of autologous soft tissue, other, harvested by direct excision (eg, fat, dermis, fascia), for each muscle or dermal graft that is separately secured around the distal end of a transected nerve. When performed, additional work (eg, proximal transection, neuroma excision) that is required to prepare the nerve before receiving the graft would be separately reported.