

## Eli's Rehab Report

## **Reader Questions: Pick Out Pyriformis Injection Codes**

Question: One of our physicians is going to be doing a Pyriformis injection. What code should we use?

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**Answer:** Look to your provider's documentation for the answer. If your provider schedules a pyriformis injection, this procedure may be a deep muscle injection or another term for a nerve injection. The pyriformis (piriformis) muscle is a deep muscle in the buttock lying diagonally below the large gluteus maximus muscle. It lies on top of the sciatic nerve. Hopefully, the documentation will "clearly tell" what he performed - if not, ask the provider. Potential codes are:

- 1. 20552 Injection(s); single or multiple trigger point(s), one or two muscle(s)
- 2. 64445 Injection, anesthetic agent; sciatic nerve, single
- 3. 64450 Injection, anesthetic agent; other peripheral nerve or branch.