

Eli's Rehab Report

You Be the Coder: Surface EMGs

Test your coding knowledge. Determine how you would code this situation before looking at the box below for the answer.

Question: Our physiatrist performed a surface EMG on three extremities, but said [CPT 95863](#) (Needle electromyography, three extremities with or without related paraspinal areas) is not the right code for it because surface EMGs do not require needles. However, he suggested that we might be able to use 95863 with one of the modifiers to denote unusual circumstances. Is there a modifier that might be right for this?

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