

Liberty^{si}™ 2024 Billing Guidance

About Liberty-SI: The Liberty-SI Fusion System is intended for SI joint fusion for conditions including SI joint disruptions and degenerative sacroiliitis. The procedure involves the lateral insertion of 1 or 2 small titanium implants transfixing the SI joint designed to stabilize and fuse the SI joint. The following code may apply to patients undergoing minimally invasive SI joint fusion with Liberty-SI system. Physicians must use independent judgment and report codes that most accurately describe the services, items and/or supplies provided, as well as the patient's condition.

SI Joint Transfixing (Liberty-SI) Medicare National Average Payment

CPT Code ¹	CPT Code Description	Physician Fee ²	ASC ²	HOPD ²	Non-Facility
27279	Arthrodesis, sacroiliac joint, percutaneous or minimally invasive (indirect visualization), with image guidance, includes obtaining bone graft when performed, and placement of a transfixing device	\$791	\$14,715	\$17,774	N/A

Sacroiliac (SI) Joint CPT Code Common Terminology

Q: What does “transfixing device” mean?

A: According to AMA CPT 2024 Professional Edition, “Code 27279 describes percutaneous arthrodesis of the sacroiliac joint using a minimally invasive technique to place an internal fixation device(s) that passes through the ilium across the sacroiliac joint and into the sacrum, thus transfixing the sacroiliac joint.” Therefore, a transfixing device would be a device that passes through the ilium, across the sacroiliac joint, and into the sacrum.

Q: What does “intra-articular implant” mean?

A: According to Dorland’s Medical Dictionary, intra-articular means “within a joint”. Therefore, for code 27278 an intra-articular implant would be any implant that is placed into the sacroiliac joint. Intra-articular implants are often placed into the sacroiliac joint from a posterior, in-line (parallel to the joint) trajectory.



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² **CMS Final Rule 2024:** <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-service-payment/physicianfeesched/pfs-federal-regulation-notices/cms-1784-f>

Indications For Use: The Liberty SI Lateral Implant System is intended for sacroiliac joint fusion for conditions including sacroiliac joint disruptions and degenerative sacroiliitis.

