

Patriot^{si}

2024 Hybrid Billing Guidance

Indications For Use (IFU): The Patriot-SI Posterior Implant System is intended for sacroiliac joint fusion for conditions including sacroiliac joint disruptions and degenerative sacroiliitis. When the Patriot-SI Posterior Implant System (i.e., an “in-line” or “intra-articular” device) is implanted, it must be used with a Spinal Simplicity Liberty-SI Lateral System device (i.e., a “transfixing” device) implanted across the same sacroiliac joint to create a hybrid SI joint fusion construct.

Intra-Articular + Transfixing (Hybrid) Medicare National Average Payment

CPT Code ¹	CPT Code Descriptions	Physician Fee	ASC	HOPD	Non-Facility
27278 + 27279	Hybrid SI Joint Fusion Construct (27278 + 27279) (Modifier 51)	\$1,020	\$20,560	\$17,774	N/A

CPT Code Details

27278	Arthrodesis, sacroiliac joint, percutaneous, with image guidance, including placement of intra-articular implant(s) (eg, bone allograft[s], synthetic device[s]), without placement of transfixation device	\$459	\$11,689	\$17,774	\$11,935
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

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SI-Joint Procedures Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does “transfixing device” mean?

A: According to AMA CPT 2023 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, an intra-articular implant would be an implant that is placed into the sacroiliac joint. Intra-articular implants are placed into the sacroiliac joint from a posterior operative approach.

Q: Can SI fusion procedures utilizing intra-articular implants be performed in a non-facility setting?

Yes. CMS-1784-F Addendum lists 364.74 Non-Facility RVUs for code 27278. Using the 2024 conversion factor of 32.79, the Non-Facility Payment Rate for code 27278 will be \$11,935.37.

Q: Can SI fusion procedures utilizing a transfixing device or hybrid approach be performed in a non-facility setting?

A: No. CMS-1784-F Addendum B does not list any Non-Facility Relative Value Units (RVUs) for code 27279. Therefore, SI fusion procedures utilizing transfixing devices and/or hybrid approaches cannot be performed in a non-facility setting

