

FACILITY CODING EXAMPLES

This list represents coding examples for common spine procedures. The examples provided do not represent the only manner to report the stated procedure. Not every service listed has to be included and others not listed may be appropriate. This should only be used as a guide.

Lumbar

Anterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion (ALIF) with Instrumentation		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Anterior interbody fusion, lumbar	81.06	
Fusion or refusion of 2-3 vertebrae (or)	81.62	
Fusion or refusion of 4-8 vertebrae (or)	81.63	
Fusion or refusion of 9 or more vertebrae	81.64	
Discectomy	80.51	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device	84.51	
Excision of bone for graft, other	77.79	harvested from the iliac crest or locally

Note: Instrumentation is included in the fusion code and not reported separately.
If structural allograft is used, do not report code 84.51. Allograft is included in the fusion code and not separately reported.

ALIF using INFUSE® Bone Graft & LT-CAGE® Lumbar Tapered Fusion Device, Single Level		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Anterior interbody fusion, lumbar	81.06	
Fusion or refusion of 2-3 vertebrae	81.62	
Discectomy	80.51	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device	84.51	
Insertion of recombinant bone morphogenetic protein	84.52	insertion of INFUSE® Bone Graft (rhBMP-2)

Posterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion (PLIF) or Transforaminal Lumbar Interbody Fusion (TLIF) with Posterior Instrumentation		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Posterior interbody fusion, lumbar	81.08	
Fusion or refusion of 2-3 vertebrae (or)	81.62	
Fusion or refusion of 4-8 vertebrae (or)	81.63	
Fusion or refusion of 9 or more vertebrae	81.64	
Discectomy	80.51	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device	84.51	
Excision of bone for graft, other	77.79	harvested from the iliac crest or locally
Intra-operative monitoring	00.94	

Note: Instrumentation is included in the fusion code and not reported separately.
If structural allograft is used, do not report code 84.51. Allograft is included in the fusion code and not separately reported.

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Posterolateral Fusion with Posterior Instrumentation		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Posterolateral fusion, lumbar	81.08	
Fusion or refusion of 2-3 vertebrae (or)	81.62	
Fusion or refusion of 4-8 vertebrae (or)	81.63	
Fusion or refusion of 9 or more vertebrae	81.64	
Excision of bone for graft, other	77.79	harvested from the iliac crest or locally
Intra-operative monitoring	00.94	
Note: Instrumentation is included in the fusion code and not reported separately.		

ALIF and Posterolateral Fusion with Instrumentation (Classic 360° Procedure)		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Anterior interbody fusion, lumbar	81.06	
Posterolateral fusion, lumbar	81.08	
Fusion or refusion of 2-3 vertebrae (or)	81.62	
Fusion or refusion of 4-8 vertebrae (or)	81.63	
Fusion or refusion of 9 or more vertebrae	81.64	
Discectomy	80.51	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device	84.51	
Excision of bone for graft, other	77.79	harvested from the iliac crest or locally
Intra-operative monitoring	00.94	
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PLIF/TLIF and Posterolateral Fusion with Posterior Instrumentation (Single Incision 360°)		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Posterior interbody fusion, lumbar	81.08	
Posterolateral fusion, lumbar	81.08	
Fusion or refusion of 2-3 vertebrae (or)	81.62	
Fusion or refusion of 4-8 vertebrae (or)	81.63	
Fusion or refusion of 9 or more vertebrae	81.64	
Discectomy	80.51	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device	84.51	
Excision of bone for graft, other	77.79	harvested from the iliac crest or locally
Intra-operative monitoring	00.94	
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PLIF with Posterior Instrumentation, via METRx® System/CD HORIZON® SEXTANT® Rod Insertion System		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Posterior interbody fusion, lumbar	81.08	
Fusion or refusion of 2-3 vertebrae	81.62	
Discectomy	80.51	
Excision of bone for graft, other	77.79	harvested from the iliac crest or locally
Intra-operative monitoring	00.94	
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Direct Lateral Interbody Fusion (DLIF)		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Posterior interbody fusion, lumbar	81.08	
Fusion or refusion of 2-3 vertebrae (or)	81.62	
Fusion or refusion of 4-8 vertebrae (or)	81.63	
Fusion or refusion of 9 or more vertebrae	81.64	
Discectomy	80.51	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device	84.51	
Excision of bone for graft, other	77.79	harvested from the iliac crest or locally
Intra-operative monitoring	00.94	

Note: If structural allograft is used, do not report code 84.51. Allograft is included in the fusion code and not separately reported.

Discectomy		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Discectomy	80.51	

Laminectomy		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Other exploration and decompression of spinal canal	03.09	

Insertion of X-STOP® Interspinous Spacer		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Insertion or replacement of interspinous process device	84.80	

Cervical

Anterior Cervical Discectomy with Interbody Fusion (ACDF) with Anterior Plate		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Anterior cervical fusion (C2 level or below)	81.02	
Discectomy	80.51	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device	84.51	
Fusion or refusion of 2-3 vertebrae (or)	81.62	
Fusion or refusion of 4-8 vertebrae	81.63	
Excision of bone for graft, other	77.79	harvested from the iliac crest or locally
Intra-operative monitoring	00.94	

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Cervical Arthroplasty using the PRESTIGE® Cervical Disc		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Cervical arthroplasty	84.62	

Laminoplasty		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Other exploration and decompression of spinal canal	03.09	

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