

20610-20611

20610 Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection, major joint or bursa (eg, shoulder, hip, knee, subacromial bursa); without ultrasound guidance

20611 Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection, major joint or bursa (eg, shoulder, hip, knee, subacromial bursa); with ultrasound guidance, with permanent recording and reporting

(Do not report 20610, 20611 in conjunction with 27370, 76942) (If fluoroscopic, CT, or MRI guidance is performed, see 77002, 77012, 77021)

AMA Coding Guideline

Please see the Surgical Guidelines section for the following guidelines:

- *Surgical Procedures on the Musculoskeletal System*

AMA Coding Notes

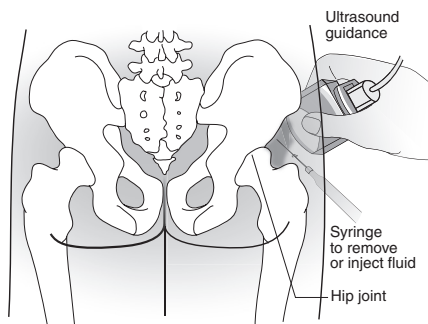
General Introduction or Removal Procedures on the Musculoskeletal System

(For injection procedure for arthrography, see anatomical area)

Plain English Description

Arthrocentesis, aspiration, and/or injection of a joint or bursa is performed. Arthrocentesis and aspiration is performed to remove fluid from a joint or bursa in order to diagnose the cause of joint effusion and/or to reduce pain caused by the excess fluid. Injection of a joint or bursa may be performed in conjunction with the arthrocentesis procedure and is typically performed using an anti-inflammatory medication such as a steroid to reduce inflammation of the joint or bursa. The skin over the joint is cleansed. A local anesthetic is injected as needed. A needle with a syringe attached is inserted into the affected joint or bursa. Fluid is removed and sent for separately reportable laboratory analysis. This may be followed by a separate injection of medication into the joint or bursa. Use 20610 for a major joint or bursa, such as the shoulder, knee, or hip joint, or the subacromial bursa when no ultrasound guidance is used for needle placement. Report 20611 when ultrasonic guidance is used and a permanent recording is made with a report of the procedure.

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ICD-9-CM Diagnostic Codes

711.05	Pyogenic arthritis involving pelvic region and thigh
711.06	Pyogenic arthritis involving lower leg
713.5	Arthropathy associated with neurological disorders
714.0	Rheumatoid arthritis
715.15	Osteoarthritis, localized, primary, pelvic region and thigh
715.16	Osteoarthritis, localized, primary, lower leg
715.25	Osteoarthritis, localized, secondary, pelvic region and thigh
715.26	Osteoarthritis, localized, secondary, lower leg
715.35	Osteoarthritis, localized, not specified whether primary or secondary, pelvic region and thigh
715.36	Osteoarthritis, localized, not specified whether primary or secondary, lower leg
716.15	Traumatic arthropathy, pelvic region and thigh
716.16	Traumatic arthropathy, lower leg
719.05	Effusion of joint, pelvic region and thigh
719.06	Effusion of joint, lower leg
719.16	Hemarthrosis, lower leg
719.17	Hemarthrosis, ankle and foot
719.45	Pain in joint, pelvic region and thigh
719.46	Pain in joint, lower leg
726.5	Enthesopathy of hip region
726.61	Pes anserinus tendinitis or bursitis
726.65	Prepatellar bursitis
726.69	Other enthesopathy of knee

ICD-10-CM Diagnostic Codes

≈ M02.352	Reiter's disease, left hip
≈ M02.361	Reiter's disease, right knee
≈ M05.662	Rheumatoid arthritis of left knee with involvement of other organs and systems
≈ M05.752	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left hip without organ or systems involvement
≈ M05.761	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right knee without organ or systems involvement
≈ M06.052	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, left hip
≈ M06.061	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, right knee
≈ M07.651	Enteropathic arthropathies, right hip
≈ M07.662	Enteropathic arthropathies, left knee
≈ M10.051	Idiopathic gout, right hip
≈ M10.052	Idiopathic gout, left hip
≈ M10.061	Idiopathic gout, right knee
≈ M10.062	Idiopathic gout, left knee
≈ M11.252	Other chondrocalcinosis, left hip
≈ M11.262	Other chondrocalcinosis, left knee
≈ M12.551	Traumatic arthropathy, right hip
≈ M12.562	Traumatic arthropathy, left knee
≈ M14.652	Charcot's joint, left hip
≈ M14.661	Charcot's joint, right knee
≈ M16.0	Bilateral primary osteoarthritis of hip
≈ M16.31	Unilateral osteoarthritis resulting from hip dysplasia, right hip
≈ M16.52	Unilateral post-traumatic osteoarthritis, left hip

M16.7	Other unilateral secondary osteoarthritis of hip
M17.0	Bilateral primary osteoarthritis of knee
≈ M17.11	Unilateral primary osteoarthritis, right knee
≈ M17.12	Unilateral primary osteoarthritis, left knee
M17.2	Bilateral post-traumatic osteoarthritis of knee
M17.5	Other unilateral secondary osteoarthritis of knee
≈ M1A.051	Idiopathic chronic gout, right hip
≈ M1A.062	Idiopathic chronic gout, left knee
≈ M25.052	Hemarthrosis, left hip
≈ M25.061	Hemarthrosis, right knee
≈ M25.451	Effusion, right hip
≈ M25.462	Effusion, left knee
≈ M25.552	Pain in left hip
≈ M25.561	Pain in right knee
≈ M65.852	Other synovitis and tenosynovitis, left thigh
≈ M65.861	Other synovitis and tenosynovitis, right lower leg
≈ M70.41	Prepatellar bursitis, right knee
≈ M70.52	Other bursitis of knee, left knee
≈ M70.61	Trochanteric bursitis, right hip
≈ M70.71	Other bursitis of hip, right hip
≈ M71.851	Other specified bursopathies, right hip
≈ M71.862	Other specified bursopathies, left knee

CCI Edits

Refer to Appendix A for CCI edits.

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20610: Spring 92: 8, Mar 01: 10, Apr 04: 15, Jul 06: 1, Dec 07: 10, Jul 08: 9, Mar 12: 6, Jun 12: 14, Aug 15: 6, Dec 14: 18, Feb 15: 6
20611: Feb 15: 6, Aug 15: 6, Jul 15: 10

Facility RVUs

Global: 000

Code	Work	PE Facility	MP	Total Facility
20610	0.79	0.42	0.12	1.33
20611	1.10	0.51	0.16	1.77

Non-facility RVUs

Code	Work	PE Non-Facility	MP	Total Non-Facility
20610	0.79	0.81	0.12	1.72
20611	1.10	1.35	0.16	2.61

Modifiers (PAR)

Code	Mod 50	Mod 51	Mod 62	Mod 66	Mod 80
20610	1	2	0	0	1
20611	1	2	0	0	1