

ERRATA for *Interventional Radiology Coding Reference* 2019 Edition

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Page 263, Coding Instructions

1. Use **Do not use a** -50 modifier on code 36500 if **when** sampling is done bilaterally (sampling is usually bilateral but occasionally one side cannot be selected). **The physician RVU file indicates that use of a -50 modifier will result in payment for one instance of code 36500. Report each additional instance of code 36500 with a -59, -XS, or -76 modifier.**
8. Bilateral renal vein, adrenal vein, parathyroid vein, and petrosal vein sampling are all billed and paid the same (~~36500-50, 75893-50~~).

Page 264, Example(s)

1) 45-year-old hypertensive patient with right renal artery stenosis of questionable significance undergoes transfemoral vein puncture with placement of a catheter selectively into the right renal vein, left renal vein, and high and low inferior vena cava. Imaging is performed. Samples are obtained from all four sites (~~36500-50, 36500, 36500-59, 75893, 75893-59~~). (Venography and catheter placement are included in the sampling.)

2) 30-year-old for petrosal vein sampling. Via a transfemoral route, catheter is advanced into each jugular vein, then anteriorly and cephalad to the level of the cavernous sinus bilaterally. Imaging is performed at multiple levels. Venous sampling is then performed bilaterally in the petrosal veins as well as jugular veins and superior vena cava (~~36500-50, 36500, 36500-59, 75893, 75893-59~~). (Again, venography and catheter placements are included in the venous sampling codes.)

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15) 30-year-old for petrosal vein sampling of the pituitary gland bilaterally. From a bilateral femoral venous approach, two catheters are placed up the jugular veins and into the petrosal sinus bilaterally. Venography along the route documents anatomy for localization. Venous blood samples are obtained and sent to the lab (~~36500-50, 36500, 36500-59, 75893, 75893-59~~). (All venography and catheter placements are bundled with venous sampling codes 75893 and 36500 respectively.)

Page 496, Codes

Intervertebral disc core biopsy	64999 62267	5441 5071	0.00 4.55		
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25. If RF ablation is used to treat adjacent bones at a single session (e.g., three adjacent vertebral bodies and associated soft tissue extension), only report code 20982 once. **According to CPT Assistant, September 2015**, if completely separate lesions are treated at the same session (e.g., right femur and T-12 vertebral body tumors), report code 20982 twice. **However, the MUE value for code 20982 is set at one and cannot be appealed, so only one unit of service may be reported per day.**