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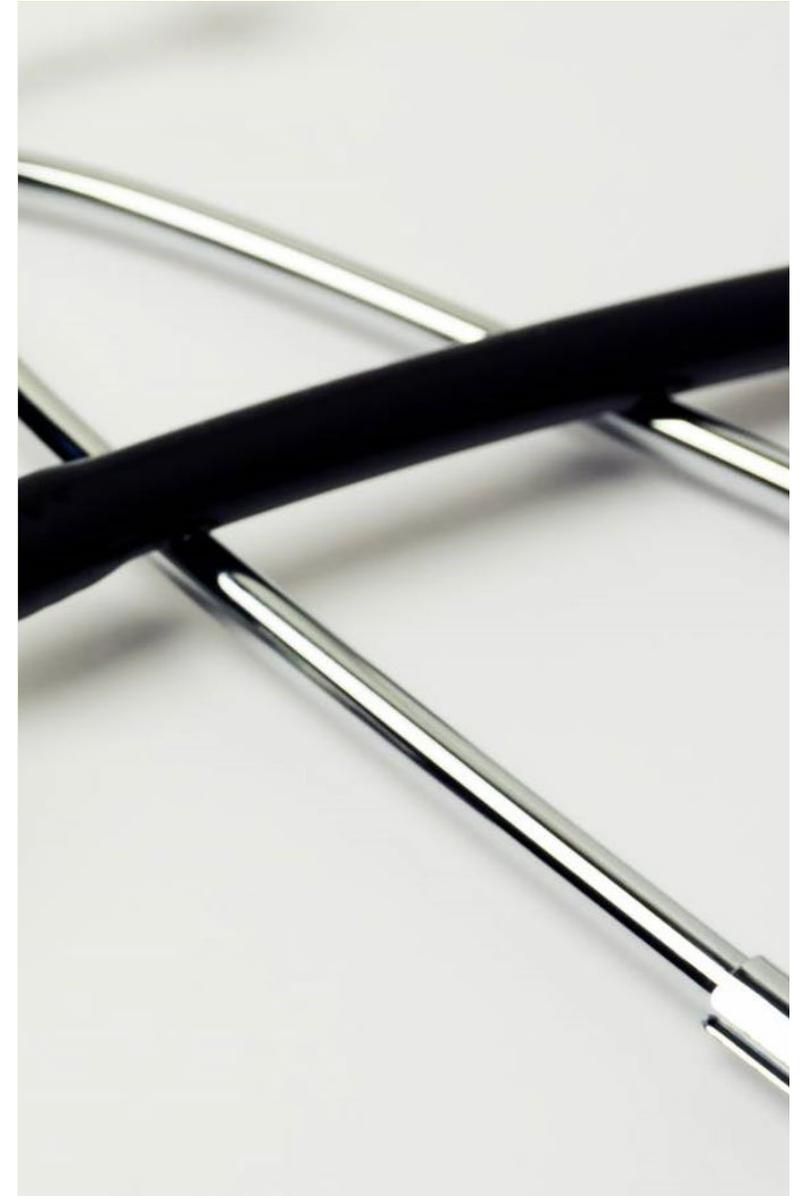
# 2026 ASA CODE CHANGES

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# IMPLANTABLE DEFIBRILLATOR

## (INSERTION/REMOVAL/REPOSITIONING)

| CPT   | Description  | ASA 2026       | Units   | ASA 2025              |
|-------|--|----------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 33240 | Insertion of implantable defibrillator pulse generator only; with existing single lead   | 00530          | 4       | 00534(7)              |
| 33249 | Insertion or replacement of permanent implantable defibrillator system, with transvenous lead(s), single or dual chamber                 | 00530<br>01926 | 4<br>10 | 00534(7)<br>01926(10) |
| 33262 | Removal of implantable defibrillator pulse generator with replacement of implantable defibrillator pulse generator; single lead system   | 01926          | 10      | 00534(7)              |
| 33263 | Removal of implantable defibrillator pulse generator with replacement of implantable defibrillator pulse generator; dual lead system     | 01926          | 10      | 00534(7)              |
| 33264 | Removal of implantable defibrillator pulse generator with replacement of implantable defibrillator pulse generator; multiple lead system | 01926          | 10      | 00534(7)              |
| 33271 | Insertion of subcutaneous implantable defibrillator electrode  | 00400          | 3       | 00534(7)              |
| 33272 | Repositioning of previously implanted subcutaneous implantable defibrillator electrode   | 00400          | 3       | 00534(7)              |

# ELECTROPHYSIOLOGIC OPERATIVE PROCEDURES

## (PROCEDURES ON THE HEART AND PERICARDIUM)

| CPT   | Description  | ASA 2026       | Units | ASA 2025               |
|-------|--|----------------|-------|------------------------|
| 33261 | Operative ablation of ventricular arrhythmogenic focus with cardiopulmonary bypass | <b>01926**</b> | 10    | 00562(20)<br>00561(25) |

In this procedure, the provider destroys a small area of the ventricle of the heart that is causing an abnormal heart rhythm. The provider places the patient on cardiopulmonary bypass during this procedure.

### Explanation

When the patient is appropriately prepped and anesthetized, the provider incises the chest and expose the heart. When appropriate, the provider places the patient on cardiopulmonary bypass. Typically, another provider, an electrophysiologist using electrodes, stimulates the heart and identifies the area of the ventricle of the heart causing the abnormal heart rhythm.

Next, the provider who is a surgeon destroys the localized area of the heart ventricle using electrical current or cryotherapy. The electrophysiologist then again stimulates the heart and checks that the area of the heart that was causing the abnormal heart rhythm is destroyed to his satisfaction. Finally, the surgeon controls the bleeding and closes the chest wall by suturing the layers of tissue together.

# RENAL BIOPSY AND INJECTION

(EXCISION PROCEDURES ON THE KIDNEY AND OTHER RENAL INTRODUCTION  
(INJECTION/CHANG/REMOVAL) PROCEDURES

| CPT   | Description   | ASA 2026 | Units | ASA 2025             |
|-------|---|----------|-------|----------------------|
| 50200 | Renal biopsy; percutaneous, by trocar or needle   | 00862    | 7     | 00860(6)             |
| 50390 | Aspiration and/or injection of renal cyst or pelvis by needle, percutaneous   | 00862    | 7     | 00860(6)             |
| 50430 | Injection procedure for antegrade nephrostogram and/or ureterogram, complete diagnostic procedure including imaging guidance (e.g., ultrasound and fluoroscopy) and all associated radiological supervision and interpretation; new access      | 00862    | 7     | 00820(5)<br>00730(5) |
| 50431 | Injection procedure for antegrade nephrostogram and/or ureterogram, complete diagnostic procedure including imaging guidance (e.g., ultrasound and fluoroscopy) and all associated radiological supervision and interpretation; existing access | 00862    | 7     | 00820(5)<br>00730(5) |

# NEPHROSTOMY CATHETERS

## (OTHER RENAL INTRODUCTION (INJECTION/CHANGE/REMOVAL) PROCEDURES)

| CPT   | Description  | ASA 2026 | Units | ASA 2025 |
|-------|--|----------|-------|----------|
| 50432 | Placement of nephrostomy catheter, percutaneous, including diagnostic nephrostogram and/or ureterogram when performed, imaging guidance (e.g., ultrasound and/or fluoroscopy) and all associated radiological supervision and interpretation   | 00862    | 7     | 00860(6) |
| 50433 | Placement of nephroureteral catheter, percutaneous, including diagnostic nephrostogram and/or ureterogram when performed, imaging guidance (e.g., ultrasound and/or fluoroscopy) and all associated radiological supervision and interpretation, new access  | 00862    | 7     | 00860(6) |
| 50434 | Convert nephrostomy catheter to nephroureteral catheter, percutaneous, including diagnostic nephrostogram and/or ureterogram when performed, imaging guidance (e.g., ultrasound and/or fluoroscopy) and all associated radiological supervision and interpretation, via pre-existing nephrostomy tract | 00862    | 7     | 00860(6) |
| 50435 | Exchange nephrostomy catheter, percutaneous, including diagnostic nephrostogram and/or ureterogram when performed, imaging guidance (e.g., ultrasound and/or fluoroscopy) and all associated radiological supervision and interpretation   | 00862    | 7     | 00860(6) |

# DILATION FOR ENDOUROLOGIC PROCEDURES

(OTHER RENAL INTRODUCTION (INJECTION/CHANGE/REMOVAL) PROCEDURES)

| CPT   | Description  | ASA 2026 | Units | ASA 2025 |
|-------|--|----------|-------|----------|
| 50437 | Dilation of existing tract, percutaneous, for an endourologic procedure including imaging guidance (e.g., ultrasound and/or fluoroscopy) and all associated radiological supervision and interpretation, with post procedure tube placement, when performed; including new access into the renal collecting system | 00862    | 7     | 00860(6) |

# URINARY PROCEDURES

(SURGICAL PROCEDURES ON THE URINARY SYSTEM)

| CPT   | Description  | ASA 2026                                      | Units | ASA 2025 |
|-------|--|---|-------|----------|
| 50520 | Closure of nephrocutaneous or pyelocutaneous fistula   | 00730   | 5     | 00860(6) |
| 51100 | Aspiration of bladder; by needle   | 00860   | 6     | 00800(4) |
| 51101 | Aspiration of bladder; by trocar or intracatheter  | 00860   | 6     | 00800(4) |
| 51102 | Aspiration of bladder; with insertion of suprapubic catheter   | 00860   | 6     | 00800(4) |
| 51710 | Change of cystostomy tube; complicated   | 00860   | 6     | 00800(4) |
| 52224 | Cystourethroscopy with fulguration (including cryosurgery or laser surgery) or treatment of MINOR (less than 0.5cm) lesion(s) with or without biopsy | 00912   | 5     | 00910(3) |
| 52265 | Cystourethroscopy, with dilation of bladder for interstitial cystitis; local anesthesia  | <i>Anesthesia care not typically required</i> | n/a   | 00910(3) |

# URINARY PROCEDURES

(OTHER INTRODUCTION (INJECTION/CHANGE/REMOVAL) PROCEDURES ON THE URETER)

| CPT   | Description  | ASA 2026                                      | Units | ASA 2025             |
|-------|--|---|-------|----------------------|
| 50684 | Injection procedure for ureterography or ureteropyelography through ureterostomy or indwelling ureteral catheter | <i>Anesthesia care not typically required</i> | n/a   | 00820(5)<br>00910(3) |

# CYSTOURETHROSCOPY – TRANSURETHRAL SURGERY

## (URETER AND PELVIS)

| CPT   | Description   | ASA 2026 | Units | ASA 2025 |
|-------|---|----------|-------|----------|
| 52334 | Cystourethroscopy with insertion of ureteral guide wire through kidney to establish a percutaneous nephrostomy, retrograde                            | 00862    | 7     | 00860(6) |
| 52342 | Cystourethroscopy; with treatment of ureteropelvic junction stricture (e.g., balloon dilation, laser, electrocautery, and incision)                   | 00862    | 7     | 00910(3) |
| 52343 | Cystourethroscopy; with treatment of intra-renal stricture (e.g., balloon dilation, laser, electrocautery, and incision)                              | 00862    | 7     | 00910(3) |
| 52345 | Cystourethroscopy with ureteroscopy; with treatment of ureteropelvic junction stricture (e.g., balloon dilation, laser, electrocautery, and incision) | 00862    | 7     | 00910(3) |
| 52346 | Cystourethroscopy with ureteroscopy; with treatment of intra-renal stricture (e.g., balloon dilation, laser, electrocautery, and incision)            | 00862    | 7     | 00910(3) |

# OTHER PROCEDURES

## (URETHRA AND PROSTATE)

| CPT   | Description  | ASA 2026 | Units | ASA 2025                     |
|-------|--|----------|-------|------------------------------|
| 53866 | Catheterization with removal of temporary device for ischemic remodeling (i.e., pressure necrosis) of bladder neck and prostate  | 00920    | 3     | Not a primary procedure code |
| 55882 | Ablation of prostate tissue, transurethral, using thermal ultrasound, including magnetic resonance imaging guidance for, and monitoring of, tissue ablation; with insertion of transurethral ultrasound transducer for delivery of thermal ultrasound, including suprapubic tube placement and placement of an endorectal cooling device, when performed | 00914    | 5     | 00910(3)<br>00800(4)         |

# SPINAL INJECTIONS

## INJECTION, DRAINAGE, OR ASPIRATION (SPINE AND SPINAL CORD)

| CPT   | Description   | ASA 2026                                      | Units | ASA 2025             |
|-------|---|---|-------|----------------------|
| 62263 | Percutaneous lysis of epidural adhesions using solution injection (e.g., hypertonic saline, enzyme_ or mechanical means (e.g., catheter) including radiologic localization (includes contrast when administered), multiple adhesiolysis sessions; 2 or more | <i>Anesthesia care not typically required</i> | n/a   | 01940(4)<br>01939(4) |
| 62264 | Percutaneous lysis of epidural adhesions using solution injection (e.g., hypertonic saline, enzyme) or mechanical means (e.g., catheter) including radiologic localization (includes contrast when administered), multiple adhesiolysis sessions; 1 day     | <i>Anesthesia care not typically required</i> | n/a   | 01940(4)<br>01939(4) |

# SPINAL INJECTIONS

## INJECTION, DRAINAGE, OR ASPIRATION (SPINE AND SPINAL CORD)

| CPT   | Description   | ASA 2026                                      | Units | ASA 2025 |
|-------|---|---|-------|----------|
| 62291 | Injection procedure for discography, each level; cervical or thoracic   | <i>Anesthesia care not typically required</i> | n/a   | 01937(4) |
| 62292 | Injection procedure for chemonucleolysis, including discography, intervertebral disc, single or multiple levels, lumbar | <i>Anesthesia care not typically required</i> | n/a   | 01940(4) |

## SPINAL ADD-ONS

### ANTERIOR OR ANTEROLATERAL APPROACH FOR EXTRADURAL EXPLORATION/DECOMPRESSION (SPINE AND SPINAL CORD)

| CPT   | Description  | ASA 2026 | Units | ASA 2025    |
|-------|--|----------|-------|-------------|
| 63078 | Discectomy, anterior, with decompression of spinal cord and/or nerve root(s), including osteophylectomy; thoracic;, each additional interspace (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)   | 00670    | 13    | Add-on Code |
| 63086 | Vertebral corpectomy (vertebral body resection), partial or complete, transthoracic approach with decompression of spinal cord and/or nerve root(s); thoracic, each additional segment (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) | 00670    | 13    | Add-on Code |

## DESTRUCTION NERVOUS SYSTEM

DESTRUCTION BY NEUROLYTIC AGENT (CHEMICAL, THERMAL, ELECTRICAL OR RADIOFREQUENCY),  
CHEMODENERVATIONS (EXTRACRANIAL NERVES, PERIPHERAL NERVES, AND AUTONOMIC NERVOUS SYSTEM)

| CPT   | Description   | ASA 2026                                      | Units | ASA 2025 |
|-------|---|---|-------|----------|
| 64612 | Chemodenervation of muscle(s); muscle(s) innervated by facial nerve, unilateral (e.g., for blepharospasm, hemifacial spasm) | <i>Anesthesia care not typically required</i> | n/a   | 01991(3) |
| 64624 | Destruction by neurolytic agent, genicular nerve branches including imaging guidance, when performed                        | <i>Anesthesia care not typically required</i> | n/a   | 01991(3) |

# OBTURATOR NERVE

TRANSECTION OR AVULSION (EXTRACRANIAL NERVES, PERIPHERAL NERVES, AND AUTONOMIC NERVOUS SYSTEM)

| CPT   | Description  | ASA 2026 | Units | ASA 2025 |
|-------|--|----------|-------|----------|
| 64763 | Transection or avulsion of obturator nerve, extrapelvic, with or without adductor tenotomy | 01810**  | 3     | 01999    |

What is the wrong with the crosswalk? Why shouldn't we code 01810?

Let's dig into this code a little... the obturator nerve is a crucial nerve from the lumbar plexus (L2-L4) that controls the adductor muscles of the inner thigh, enabling inward leg movement (adduction) and provides sensation to the inner thigh and hip/knee joints.

# OBTURATOR NERVE

**DO NOT AGREE with ASA 01810**

**Anesthesia for all procedures on nerves, muscles, tendons, fascia, and bursae of forearm, wrist, and hand**

Suggested codes depending on the documentation:

00300, 00630, 00860, 01210

00300 – Anesthesia for all procedures on the integumentary system, muscles and nerves of head, neck, and posterior trunk, not otherwise specified

00630 – Anesthesia for procedures in lumbar region; not otherwise specified

00860 – Anesthesia for extraperitoneal procedures in lower abdomen, including urinary tract; not otherwise specified

01210 - Anesthesia for open procedures involving hip joint; not otherwise specified

