

SAPHENOUS NERVE BLOCKS

CODE BASED ON WHERE THE SAPHENOUS NERVE IS APPROACHED



The saphenous nerve is a terminal sensory branch of the femoral nerve. CPT coding depends on the **ANATOMICAL LOCATION** of the injection.

ADDUCTOR CANAL / MID-THIGH (PROXIMAL APPROACH)

CODE: Adductor Canal Block



WHEN TO CODE

Single-shot injection in the adductor canal (mid-thigh) where the saphenous nerve travels with the femoral artery beneath the sartorius.



ANATOMY & LOCATION

Adductor canal (mid-thigh)
Proximal to the knee within the femoral nerve distribution.



TECHNIQUE EXAMPLE

Ultrasound identifies the femoral artery beneath the sartorius. Needle advanced into the adductor canal; local anesthetic deposited adjacent to artery/saphenous nerve.

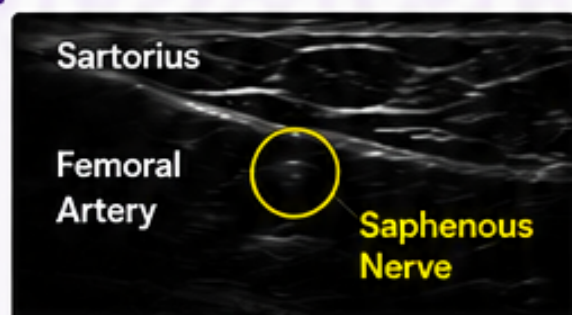


ULTRASOUND GUIDANCE INCLUDED

64447 includes ultrasound guidance.
Do **NOT** report **76942** separately.



ANATOMY LANDMARKS (US)



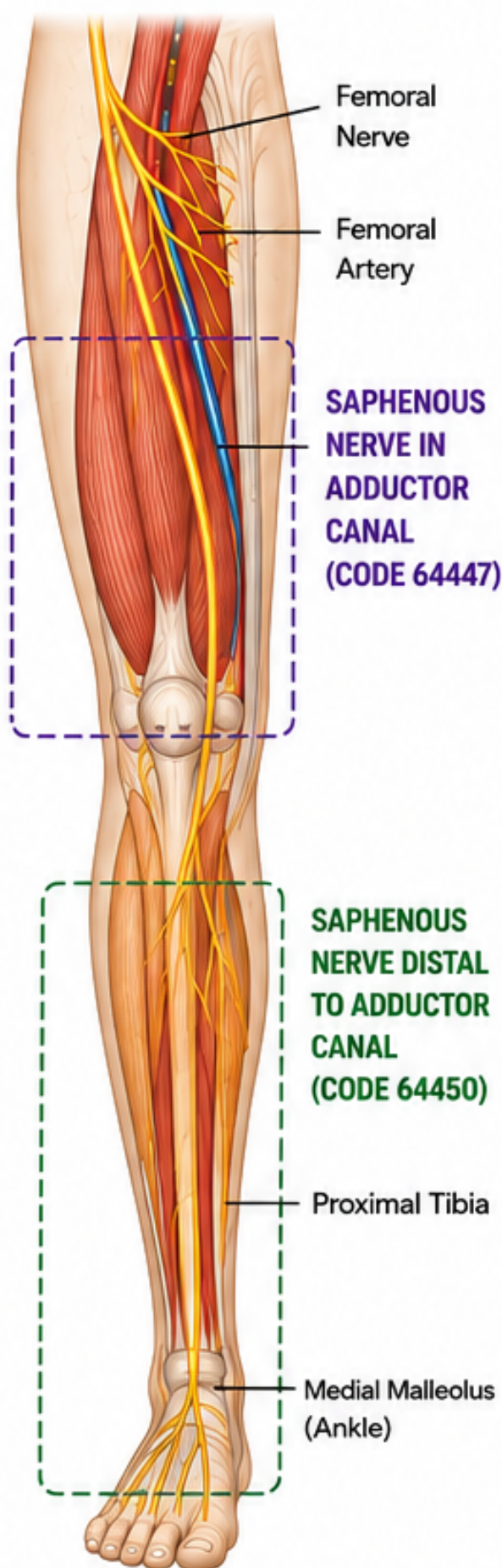
Typical adductor canal view

REPORT THIS CODE

64447

Injection(s), anesthetic agent(s) and/or steroid; femoral nerve, including imaging guidance, when performed

FEMORAL TO SAPHENOUS NERVE PATHWAY



REMEMBER

Don't code the word "saphenous"—code where the saphenous nerve was approached.

PROXIMAL TIBIA / ANKLE (DISTAL APPROACH)

CODE: Saphenous Nerve Block



WHEN TO CODE

Single-shot injection of the saphenous nerve at the proximal tibia or at the ankle (distal to the adductor canal).



ANATOMY & LOCATION

Proximal tibia or ankle
Distal to the adductor canal along the medial leg.



TECHNIQUE EXAMPLE

Ultrasound identifies the saphenous nerve at the proximal tibia or at the level of the medial malleolus; local anesthetic deposited adjacent to the nerve.



ULTRASOUND GUIDANCE SEPARATE

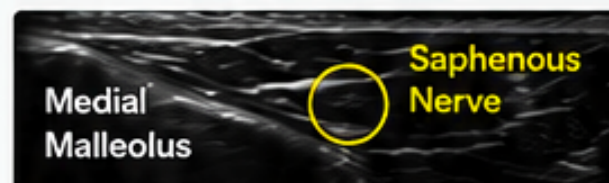
64450 does **NOT** include ultrasound guidance.
Report **76942** separately when ultrasound is used.



ANATOMY LANDMARKS (US)



Proximal Tibia View



Ankle (Medial Malleolus) View

REPORT THIS CODE

64450

Injection(s), anesthetic agent(s) and/or steroid; other peripheral nerve or branch



DOCUMENTATION TIPS

- State the exact location of the injection (adductor canal, proximal tibia, or ankle).
- Describe the anatomy and ultrasound landmarks used.
- Describe needle path, injectate spread, and volume.
- Document patient tolerance and no complications.



IMPORTANT CODING NOTES

- Do not report both codes for the same extremity in the same session.
- Base the code on the most proximal location of the injection.
- Follow all payer policies and medical necessity guidelines.



EDUCATIONAL USE ONLY – For training and reference.

SEE ANATOMY. CODE WITH CONFIDENCE.

