

# 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 guideline.*

## Common Procedures

<b>Cervical Arthroplasty</b>		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments

Cervical Arthroplasty	84.62	
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<b>ALIF with Posterior Instrumentation</b>		
Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments

Anterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion	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	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device*	84.51	cages, bone dowels, spacers, etc*
Discectomy	80.51	
Excision of bone for graft, other	77.79	harvested from the iliac crest or locally
Intra-Operative Monitoring	00.94	

<b>PLIF / TLIF with Posterior Instrumentation</b>		
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	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device*	84.51	cages, bone dowels, spacers, etc*
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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**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	

**ALIF & Posterolateral Fusion, One or more levels (Classic 360° Procedure)**

Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Anterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion	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	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device*	84.51	cages, bone dowels, spacers, etc*
Discectomy	80.51	
Excision of bone for graft, other	77.79	harvested from the iliac crest or locally
Intra-Operative Monitoring	00.94	

**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	

**Laminoplasty**

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

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**PLIF / TLIF & Posterolateral Fusion, One or more levels (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	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device*	77.79	cages, bone dowels, spacers, etc*
Discectomy	80.51	
Excision of bone for graft, other	77.79	harvested from the iliac crest or locally
Intra-Operative Monitoring	00.94	

**ACDF (Anterior Cervical Decompression/Discectomy with Interbody Fusion), 1 or more levels**

Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Anterior Cervical Fusion (C2 level or below)	81.02	
Anterior Cervical Discectomy	80.51	
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	

***INFUSE® BoneGraft/LT-CAGE® Lumbar Tapered Fusion Device***

**ALIF using INFUSE® Bone Graft & LT-CAGE® Lumbar Tapered Fusion Device, Single Level**

Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Anterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion	81.06	
Fusion or refusion of 2-3 vertebrae	81.62	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device*	84.51	cages, bone dowels, spacers, etc*
Discectomy	80.51	
Insertion or recombinant human Bone Morphogenetic	84.52	INFUSE® Bone Graft

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## **METRx™ System/CDHORIZON® Sextant® Rod Insertion System**

### **ALIF with Posterior Instrumentation, via METRx™ System/CD HORIZON® SEXTANT® System**

Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Anterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion	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	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device*	84.51	cages, bone dowels, spacers, etc*
Discectomy	80.51	
Excision of bone for graft, other	77.79	harvested from the iliac crest or locally
Intra-Operative Monitoring	00.94	

### **PLIF with Posterior Instrumentation, via METRx™ System/CD HORIZON® SEXTANT® Rod Insertion System**

Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Posterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion	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	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device*	84.51	cages, bone, dowels, spacers, etc*
Discectomy	80.51	
Excision of bone for graft, other	77.79	harvested from the iliac crest or locally
Intra-Operative Monitoring	00.94	

### **Posterolateral Fusion with Posterior Instrumentation, via METRx™ System/CD HORIZON® SEXTANT® Rod Insertion System**

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	

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**TLIF, Mini-Open (TLIF with Posterior Instrumentation, via METRx™ System/CD HORIZON® SEXTANT® Rod Insertion System)**

Procedure Description	ICD-9-CM	Comments
Transforaminal 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	
Insertion of interbody spinal fusion device*	84.51	cages, bone dowels, spacers, etc*
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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