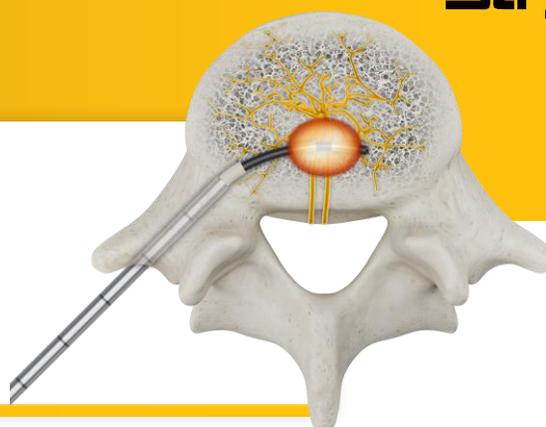


OptaBlate® Basivertebral nerve ablation



Physician¹

CPT® code ²	Description	Payment in office	Payment in facility	Relative value units (RVUs)			Global period
				Non-facility RVUs	Work RVUs	Facility RVUs	
Ablation							
64628	Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, including all imaging guidance; first two vertebral bodies, lumbar or sacral	N/A	\$365	N/A	6.97	10.92	10
+64629	Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, including all imaging guidance; each additional vertebral body, lumbar or sacral (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	N/A	\$167	N/A	3.68	5.01	ZZZ

ZZZ: Add-on codes that must be billed with another service. The Medicare PFS payment doesn't include post-operative work ZZZ codes.

ICD-10 diagnosis codes³

- M47.816** – Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbar region
- M47.817** – Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbosacral region
- M51.36** – Other intervertebral disc degeneration, lumbar region
- M51.37** – Other intervertebral disc degeneration, lumbosacral region
- M54.50** – Low back pain
- M54.51** – Vertebrogenic low back pain; low back pain vertebral endplate pain

Ambulatory surgery center (ASC)⁴

CPT® code ²	Description	Payment indicator	Multiple procedure discounting	ASC payment
Ablation				
64628	Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, including all imaging guidance; first two vertebral bodies, lumbar or sacral	J8	Y	\$9,891
+64629	Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, including all imaging guidance; each additional vertebral body, lumbar or sacral (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	N/A	N/A	Bundled

J8: Device-intensive procedure; paid at adjusted rate.

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Hospital outpatient⁴

CPT® code ²	Description	Status indicator	Ambulatory payment classification (APC)	APC payment
Ablation				
64628	Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, including all imaging guidance; first two vertebral bodies, lumbar or sacral	J1	5115	\$13,117
+64629	Thermal destruction of intraosseous basivertebral nerve, including all imaging guidance; each additional vertebral body, lumbar or sacral (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	N	N/A	Bundled

J1: Hospital Part B services paid through a comprehensive APC
N: Items and services packaged into APC rates

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HCPCS II device codes⁵

C1886
 Catheter, extravascular tissue ablation, any modality (insertable)

Note:

- “N/A” indicates that this concept does not apply or that Medicare has not developed fee schedules in those settings of care.
- CPT code 64629 has been assigned a Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE). Due to the edit, a fourth vertebral body may be denied. An appeal may be required for medically reasonable and necessary units more than the MUE.

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