

## CODING GUIDE – iFuse-TORQ™ System

### FUSION OF THE SACROILIAC (SI) JOINT AND FRACTURE FIXATION OF THE PELVIS

#### PHYSICIAN

**Procedure:** The *iFuse-TORQ System* is intended for:

- Fusion of the sacroiliac joint for sacroiliac joint dysfunction including sacroiliac joint disruptions and degenerative sacroiliitis
- Fracture fixation of small and large bones of the pelvis

The code(s) selected by the physician to describe the procedure(s) performed will depend on surgical approach, fusion and/or fracture reduction and stabilization technique, patient diagnosis and other case specifics.

Table 1 lists commonly reported CPT codes for SI joint fusion. Table 2 lists procedural codes commonly used to report sacral fracture repair procedures. Physicians must use independent judgment and report codes that most accurately describe the services provided.

**Table 1. Commonly Reported CPT® Codes for SI Joint Fusion**

CPT® Code	Description	Total RVUs	2021 Medicare Rate
27279	Arthrodesis, sacroiliac joint, percutaneous or minimally invasive (indirect visualization), with image guidance, includes obtaining bone graft when performed, and placement of transfixing device. <i>[For bilateral procedure report 27279 with modifier -50]</i>	25.45	\$888
27280	Arthrodesis, open, sacroiliac joint, including obtaining bone graft, including instrumentation, when performed <i>[For bilateral procedure report 27280 with modifier -50]</i>	40.11	\$1,400
22899	Unlisted procedure, spine	-----	Carrier Priced
27299	Unlisted procedure, pelvis, or hip joint	-----	Carrier Priced

**AMA Guidance for CPT 27280:** AMA CPT Assistant September 2013, Volume 23, Issue 9. 27280 is reported for a sacroiliac joint fusion using an open approach requiring direct visualization.

**Coding Fusion and Fixation Procedures Together:** Typically, 27279 (fusion) and 27216 (fixation) procedures are not billed on the same date of service but are allowed when each is medically necessary and when appropriate modifier(s) detail that separate services and diagnoses are present. No National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) bundling edits or AMA guidance exists which prohibit billing them together.

**Multiple Procedures:** When multiple surgeries or procedures are performed by a single physician or physicians in the same group practice on the same patient at the same operative session, reduction in reimbursement for secondary and subsequent procedures may occur. Appropriate use of modifiers will facilitate claims processing. Modifier -51 is reported for secondary procedures, in accordance with CPT guidelines. Both CPT code 27279 and CPT 27280 are unilateral procedures. If performed bilaterally, some payors require that the service be reported twice with modifier -50 appended to the second code while others require identification of the service only once with modifier -50 appended. Check with individual payors.

#### HOSPITAL INPATIENT SETTING (Place of Service Code 21)

MS-DRG	Type	MCC	2021 Medicare Reimbursement Rate
459	Spinal fusion except cervical	MCC	\$43,269
460		None	\$25,278

Table 2. Commonly Reported CPT® Codes When Performing Pelvic Fracture Repair

CPT® Code	Description	Total RVUs	2021 Medicare Rate
27216	Percutaneous skeletal fixation of posterior pelvic bone fracture and/or dislocation, for fracture patterns that disrupt the pelvic ring, unilateral (includes ipsilateral ilium, sacroiliac joint and/or sacrum) <i>[For bilateral procedure report 27216 with modifier -50]</i>	26.13	\$912
27217	Open treatment of anterior pelvic bone fracture and/or dislocation for fracture patterns that disrupt the pelvic ring, unilateral, includes internal fixation, when performed (includes pubic symphysis and/or ipsilateral superior/inferior rami) <i>[For bilateral procedure report 27217 with modifier -50]</i>	24.57	\$857
27218	Open treatment of posterior pelvic bone fracture and/or dislocation, for fracture patterns that disrupt the pelvic ring, unilateral, includes internal fixation, when performed (includes ipsilateral ilium, sacroiliac joint and/or sacrum) <i>[For bilateral procedure report 27218 with modifier -50]</i>	33.76	\$1,178
G0413†	Percutaneous skeletal fixation of posterior pelvic bone fracture and/or dislocation, for fracture patterns which disrupt the pelvic ring, unilateral or bilateral, (includes ilium, sacroiliac joint and/or sacrum)	31.33	\$1,093
G0414†	Open treatment of anterior pelvic bone fracture and/or dislocation for fracture patterns which disrupt the pelvic ring, unilateral or bilateral, includes internal fixation when performed (includes pubic symphysis and/or superior/inferior rami)	29.63	\$1,034
G0415†	Open treatment of posterior pelvic bone fracture and/or dislocation, for fracture patterns which disrupt the pelvic ring, unilateral or bilateral, includes internal fixation, when performed (includes ilium, sacroiliac joint and/or sacrum)	40.42	\$1,410
27299	Unlisted procedure, pelvis, or hip joint	----	Carrier Priced

† **G Codes:** In 2009, CMS created HCPCS G-codes (G0413-G0415) which mirror the fracture/dislocation codes. These codes are used for either unilateral or bilateral procedures performed in Medicare beneficiaries in place of the CPT codes 27216-27218. Other payors (i.e., Medicaid) may also require the G codes to be reported so check with the specific payor to determine billing and coverage.

## HOSPITAL INPATIENT SETTING (Place of Service Code 21)

MS-DRG	Type	MCC	2021 Medicare Reimbursement Rate
515	Other MSK OR Procedures	MCC	\$20,163
516		CC	\$12,605
517		None	\$8,977
907	OR Procedures for Injuries	MCC	\$25,434
908		CC	\$13,115
909		None	\$8,835
957	OR Procedures for Multiple Trauma	MCC	\$47,697
958		CC	\$27,030
959		None	\$17,574

SOURCE: FY 2021 Medicare Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System, FY 2021 Final Rule Tables and Correction Notice Tables CMS-1735-F and CMS-1735-CN. The listed rates do not reflect all hospital-specific adjustments that may significantly alter a payment to a particular hospital.

## HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT SETTING (Place of Service Code 22)

CPT Code	Status Indicator*	APC	APC Code Descriptors	Medicare Non-Adjusted 2021 Payment Rate
27279	J1	5116	Level 6 Musculoskeletal Procedures	\$15,868
27280	J1	5116	Level 6 Musculoskeletal Procedures	\$15,868
G0413	J1	5114	Level 4 Musculoskeletal Procedures	\$ 6,265
G0414	J1	5115	Level 5 Musculoskeletal Procedures	\$12,315
G0415	J1	5115	Level 5 Musculoskeletal Procedures	\$12,315
27299	T	5111	Level 1 Musculoskeletal Procedures	\$ 206
C1889	N	–	–	No separate payment under Medicare (commercial contracts may vary)

SOURCE: 2021 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment – Notice of Final Rulemaking with Comment Period (NFRM), CMS-1736-FC: 2021 NFRM Data Add B.11302020\_0 (1).

## \* Status Indicators

J1: Hospital Part B Services Paid Through a Comprehensive APC; "Paid under OPPS; all covered Part B services on the claim are packaged with the primary "J1" service for the claim, except services with OPPS status indicator of "F", "G", "H", "L" and "U"; ambulance services; diagnostic and screening mammography; rehabilitation therapy services; services assigned to a new technology APC; self-administered drugs; all preventive services; and certain Part B inpatient services.

T: Procedure or Service, Multiple Procedure Reduction Applies; Paid under OPPS; separate APC payment.

N: Items and Services Packaged into APC Rates; Paid under OPPS; payment is packaged into payment for other services. Therefore, there is no separate APC payment.

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Refer to the Instructions For Use for contraindications, warnings and precautions. There are potential risks associated with the iFuse-TORQ Implant System. It may not be appropriate for all patients and all patients may not benefit.

For information about the risks, visit [www.si-bone.com/label](http://www.si-bone.com/label)

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