

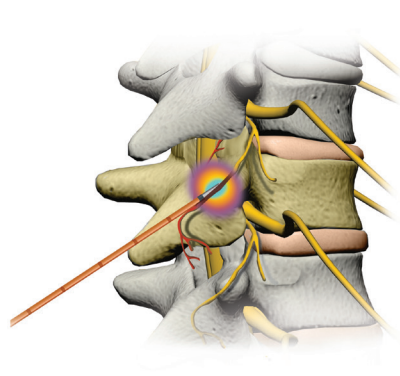
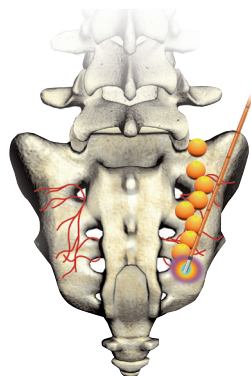
Modality Reimbursement Tool- 2019 Reimbursement Reference Guide: Radiofrequency Ablation-Facet Joints[†]

2019 Medicare national unadjusted payment rates.

COOLIEF* Cooled Radiofrequency (RF) technology is indicated for the creation of radiofrequency heat lesions in nervous tissue for the relief of pain.¹

The "Cooled RF Set Temp" (Default Setting T = 60°C) displayed on the COOLIEF* RF Generator refers to the cooled electrode temperature and does not reflect the immediate surrounding tissue temperature. The heat generated from the radiofrequency energy produces thermal energy with average maximum tissue temperatures greater than 80°C.²

Therapeutic Procedures		Physician					Outpatient Hospital			Ambulatory Surgery Center	
CPT/HCPCS CODE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL OFFICE RVU	IN-OFFICE PAYMENT	TOTAL FACILITY RVU	IN-FACILITY PAYMENT	GLOBAL DAYS	APC	STATUS INDICATOR	HOPD PAYMENT	PAYMENT INDICATOR	ASC PAYMENT
64633	Paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, single facet joint	11.89	\$428.50	6.43	\$231.73	10	5431	J1	\$1,631.48	G2	\$781.71
(+)64634	Paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), (fluoroscopy or CT); cervical or thoracic, each additional facet joint	5.34	\$192.45	1.95	\$70.28	10	N/A	N	Bundled	N1	Bundled
64635	Paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, single facet joint	11.76	\$423.82	6.34	\$228.49	10	5431	J1	\$1,631.48	G2	\$781.71
(+)64636	Paravertebral facet joint nerve(s), (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, each additional facet joint	4.85	\$174.79	1.71	\$61.63	10	N/A	N	Bundled	N1	Bundled
64640-59 or XS ³	Other peripheral nerve neurolytic	3.86	\$139.11	2.69	\$96.95	10	5443	T	Included in primary procedure	P3	\$91.17
A4649	Surgical supply miscellaneous	For cost reporting					For cost reporting			For cost reporting	



KEY

(+) Indicates Add-on code - Multiple procedure reduction does not apply
In Office Payment - Physician payment for in office service
In Facility Payment - Physician payment for in facility service

OPPS/ASC INDICATORS

J1 - Hospital Part B Services paid through comprehensive APC
N/N1 - Items and services packaged onto APC rates
G2 - Payment based on OPPS relative payment rates
P3 - Payment based on MPFS office (non-facility) PE RVUs
T - Multiple procedure payment reduction applies

MODIFIERS

-59 - Distinct procedural service
-XS - Distinct procedural service on separate structure
-50 - Bilateral procedure (when applicable)
-LT, RT - Left, right indicator (when payer guidelines require)

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code Options–Facet Joint†

The following list provides examples of possible diagnoses impacting radiofrequency ablation procedures in the Facet Joint. It is not intended to be a complete or comprehensive list. This guide is provided for informational and educational purposes only and does not reflect nor represent any specific case or procedure. Providers are always responsible for accurate coding assignment based on the documented medical record.

Sample ICD-10-CM⁴ Diagnosis Code Options

LUMBAR & SACRAL REGION		CERVICAL & THORACIC REGION	
G54.1	Lumbosacral plexus disorders	M50.23	Other cervical disc displacement, cervicothoracic region
G54.4	Lumbosacral root disorders, not elsewhere classified	M50.30	Other cervical disc degeneration, unspecified cervical region
G54.8	Other nerve root and plexus disorders	M50.31	Other cervical disc degeneration, high cervical region
G55	Nerve root and plexus compressions in diseases classified elsewhere	M50.32	Other cervical disc degeneration, mid-cervical region
M25.551	Pain in right hip	M50.33	Other cervical disc degeneration, cervicothoracic region
M25.552	Pain in left hip	M50.00	Cervical disc disorder with myelopathy, unspecified cervical region
M45.0	Ankylosing spondylitis of multiple sites in spine	M50.01	Cervical disc disorder with myelopathy, high cervical region
M45.7	Ankylosing spondylitis of lumbosacral region	M50.02	Cervical disc disorder with myelopathy, mid-cervical region
M45.8	Ankylosing spondylitis sacral and sacrococcygeal region	M50.03	Cervical disc disorder with myelopathy, cervicothoracic region
M48.8X7	Other specified spondylopathies lumbosacral region	M48.02	Spinal stenosis, cervical region
M48.8X8	Other specified spondylopathies sacral and sacrococcygeal region	M48.01	Spinal stenosis, occipito-atlanto-axial region
M46.1	Sacroiliitis, not elsewhere classified	M48.03	Spinal stenosis, cervicothoracic region
M47.817	Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbosacral region	M99.21	Subluxation stenosis of neural canal of cervical region
M47.26	Other spondylosis with radiculopathy, lumbar region	M99.31	Osseous stenosis of neural canal of cervical region
M47.27	Other spondylosis with radiculopathy, lumbosacral region	M99.41	Connective tissue stenosis of neural canal of cervical region
M47.816	Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbar region	M99.51	Intervertebral disc stenosis of neural canal of cervical region
M47.896	Other spondylosis, lumbar region	M99.61	Osseous and subluxation stenosis of intervertebral foramina of cervical region
M47.897	Other spondylosis, lumbosacral region	M99.71	Connective tissue and disc stenosis of intervertebral foramina of cervical region
M54.5	Low back pain	M54.2	Cervicalgia
M54.30	Sciatica, unspecified side	M54.12	Radiculopathy, cervical region
M54.31	Sciatica, right side	M54.13	Radiculopathy, cervicothoracic region
M54.32	Sciatica, left side	M50.11	Cervical disc disorder with radiculopathy, high cervical region
M54.40	Lumbago with sciatica, unspecified side	M50.12	Cervical disc disorder with radiculopathy, mid-cervical region
M54.41	Lumbago with sciatica, right side	M50.13	Cervical disc disorder with radiculopathy, cervicothoracic region
M54.42	Lumbago with sciatica, left side	M54.11	Radiculopathy, occipito-atlanto-axial region
M43.27	Fusion of spine, lumbosacral region	M54.6	Pain in thoracic spine
M43.28	Fusion of spine, sacral and sacrococcygeal region	M54.14	Radiculopathy, thoracic region
M53.2X7	Spinal instabilities, lumbosacral region	M51.14	Intervertebral disc disorders with radiculopathy, thoracic region
M53.2X8	Spinal instabilities, sacral and sacrococcygeal region	M47.814	Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, thoracic region
M53.86	Other specified dorsopathies, lumbar region	M47.24	Other spondylosis with radiculopathy, thoracic region
M53.87	Other specified dorsopathies, lumbosacral region	M47.25	Other spondylosis with radiculopathy, thoracolumbar region
M53.88	Other specified dorsopathies, sacral and sacrococcygeal region	M47.815	Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, thoracolumbar region
M54.08	Panniculitis affecting regions of neck and back, sacral and sacrococcygeal region	M47.894	Other spondylosis, thoracic region
M54.07	Panniculitis affecting regions of neck and back, lumbosacral region	M45.3	Ankylosing spondylitis of cervicothoracic region
M54.17	Radiculopathy, lumbosacral region	M45.4	Ankylosing spondylitis of thoracic region

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