

Don't Let Your ESP Block Get Miscoded.

With the introduction of CPT codes 64466-64469 for thoracic fascial plane blocks, accurate identification and documentation of the injection location has become more important than ever. Thoracic ESP blocks have dedicated CPT codes, while lumbar ESP blocks must be reported with 64999. Documenting the exact vertebral level, laterality, and technique supports correct code assignment and helps prevent claim denials due to miscoding.

T Thoracic ESP Block

- **64466** – Unilateral, single injection
- **64467** – Unilateral, continuous catheter
- **64468** – Bilateral, single injection
- **64469** – Bilateral, continuous catheter

L Lumbar ESP Block

No dedicated CPT code exists for a lumbar-level ESP block.

- **64999** – Unlisted procedure, nervous system
- Requires a procedure report and supporting documentation with the claim
- Subject to manual review and payer-specific pricing

Documentation checklist for every ESP block note

1 Vertebral Level

State the exact level (e.g., T5 or L2)

2 Laterality

Note unilateral or bilateral placement

3 Technique

Specify injection vs. continuous catheter

