

## IP1223 –Percutaneous transforaminal endoscopic lumbar discectomy for sciatica

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### Procedure and device:

#### SNOMED CT preferred term (concept ID)

A request for a new SNOMED CT code has been submitted for the next release. SNOMED CT Submission Portal request reference number [20741](#).

#### OPCS-4 code(s):

**V33.8 Other specified primary excision of lumbar intervertebral disc**  
**V55.- Levels of spine**  
**Y76.8 Other specified minimal access to other body cavity**  
**Y53.4 Approach to organ under fluoroscopic control**

or

**V34.8 Other specified revisional excision of lumbar intervertebral disc**  
**V55.- Levels of spine**  
**Y76.8 Other specified minimal access to other body cavity**  
**Y53.4 Approach to organ under fluoroscopic control**

**Note:** The choice of **V33.8** or **V34.8** is dependent on whether the operation is primary or revisional.

**Note:** Codes within category **V55.-** are assigned in second place each time a spinal operation is coded: if the levels of spine are not specified, **V55.9 Unspecified levels of spine** is used.

### Diagnosis or health condition:

#### SNOMED CT preferred term (concept ID)

Sciatica (23056005)

#### ICD-10 code(s):

**M54.3 Sciatica**

## **Clinical coding recommendations for NICE guidance**

For each published interventional procedure and medical technologies guidance, we work with the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) to provide relevant clinical coding information.

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The Clinical Classifications Service of the Health and Social Care Information Centre is the central definitive source for clinical coding guidance and determines the coding standards associated with the classifications (OPCS-4 and ICD-10) to be used across the NHS. The Clinical Classifications Service and NICE work collaboratively to ensure the most appropriate classification codes are provided. [Clinical Classifications Service — Health and Social Care Information Centre](#).