



PAIN MANAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES | MARCH 25, 2025

The Future of Pain Management:

Leveraging the NOPAIN Act for Enhanced Patient Outcomes



Objectives

Evaluate how the NOPAIN Act will influence pain management practices and expand access to non-opioid treatments.

Examine how healthcare providers can optimize multimodal pain management by integrating non-opioid alternatives, such as Exparel, perineural catheters, and cryoneurolysis, into treatment plans to enhance patient outcomes and reduce opioid reliance.

Provide guidance on billing, coding, and implementation strategies for integrating the NOPAIN Act into practice.



Non-Opioids Prevent Addiction in the Nation (NOPAIN) Act 2025

Effective January 1, 2025

Bipartisan legislation

Aims to transform acute pain management

Medicare beneficiaries



What This Means...

With new reimbursement for qualifying non-opioid options, the NOPAIN Act delivers²:

EXPANDED

reimbursement
to the HOPD
setting

REDUCED

net cost by mitigating
financial concerns
of non-opioid
postsurgical
pain management

IMPROVED

choice by removing
cost barriers in order
to facilitate access to
non-opioids

PROVEN

non-opioids that
either replace or
reduce opioid
consumption



Approved Treatments

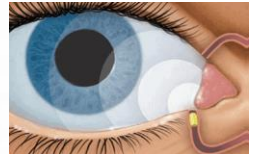
EXPAREL®
(bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension)

ZYNRELEF®
(bupivacaine and meloxicam)
extended-release solution,
for instillation use
29.25 mg/mL and 0.88 mg/mL



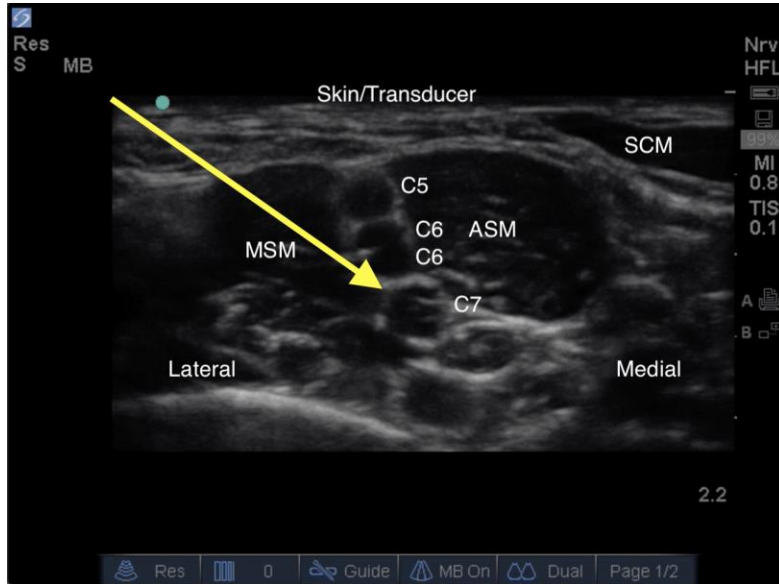
iovera®

Dextenza®
(dexamethasone ophthalmic insert) 0.4 mg
for intracanalicular use

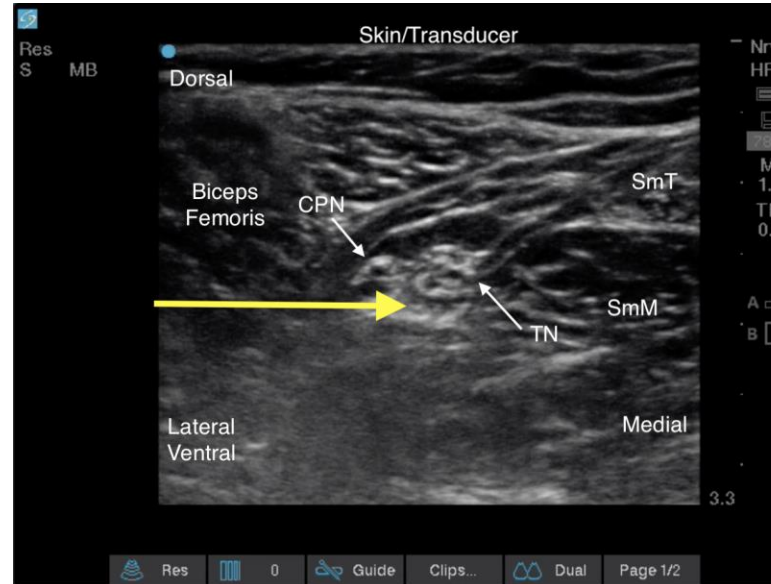


Exparel

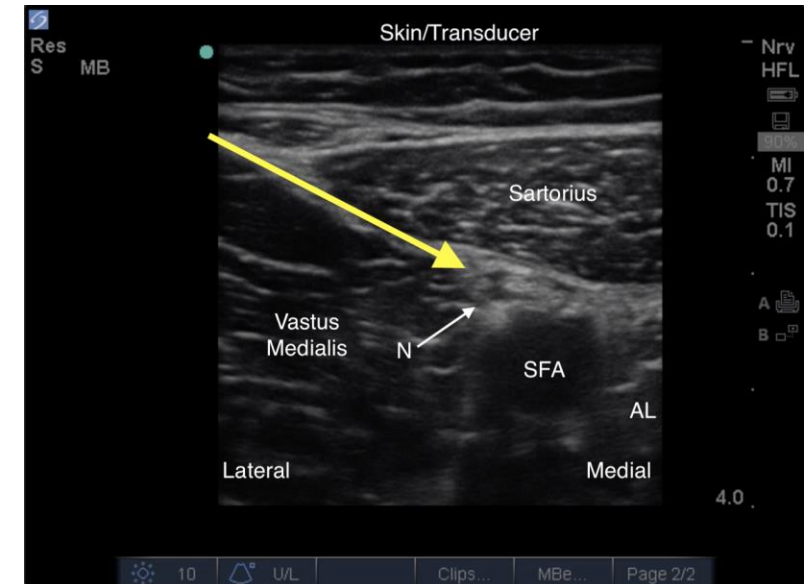
Interscalene Brachial Plexus Block



Sciatic Nerve Block in Popliteal Fossa



Adductor Canal Block



Exparel Billing

J-code: J0666

When billing for EXPAREL, be sure to bill as milligram (mg) dosage for the number of units (eg, 133 mg = 133 units, 266 mg = 266 units), not vials or mL¹



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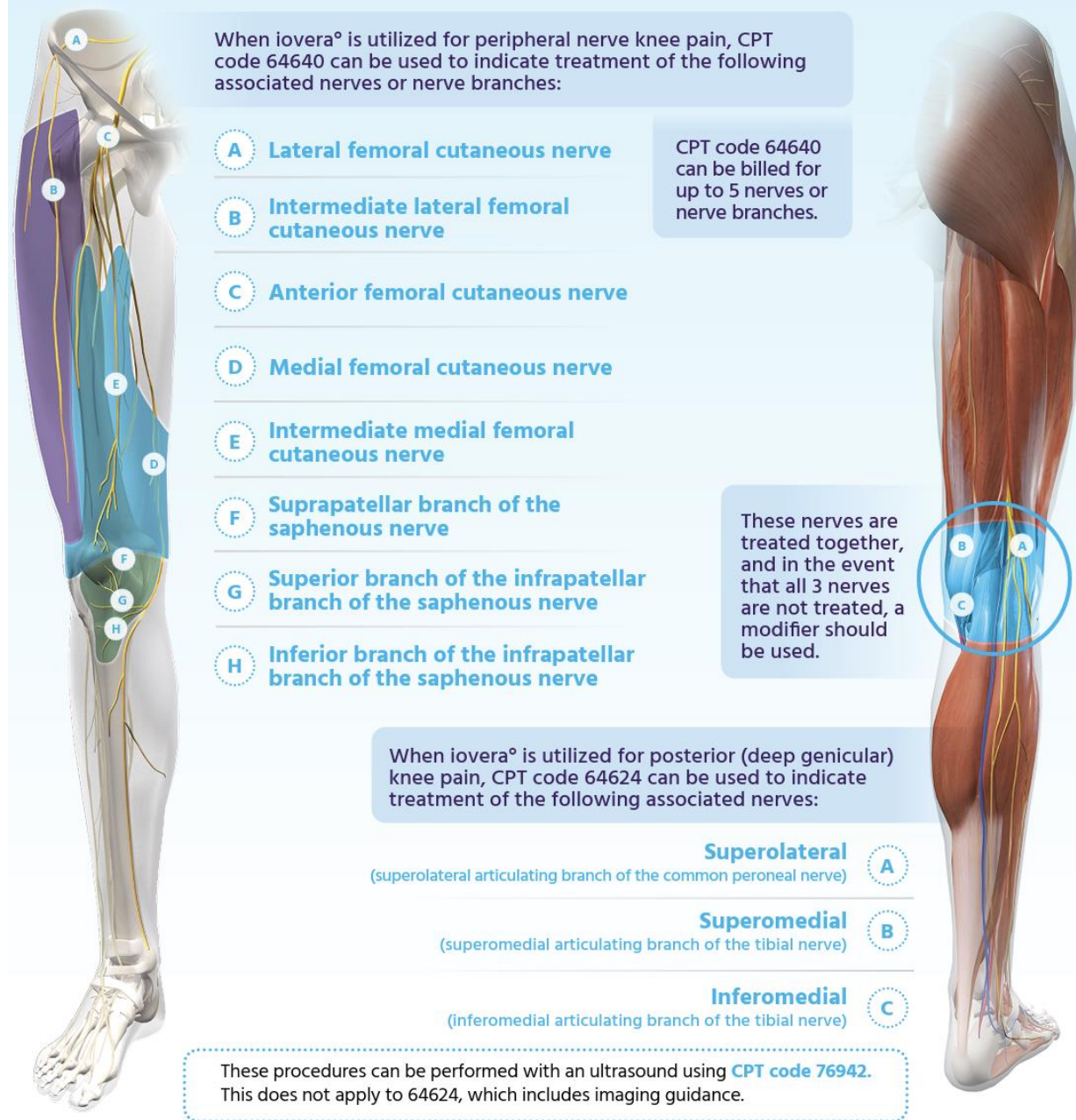


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iovera^o Billing

C-code: C9809

CPT: 64640 & 64624



iovera⁰ Billing

Coding, coverage, and reimbursement considerations (cont'd)

Professional component*

	Total Non-Facility RVU	Non-Facility Payment	Total Facility RVU	Facility Payment	Non-Facility and Facility wRVU	Global Period
64640	7.37	\$248.32	3.5	\$118.50	1.98	10 days
64624	11.64	\$388.13	4.31	\$145.13	2.5	10 days

Facility refers to HOPDs or ASCs, while non-facility refers to an office or a clinic that is not provider-based (eg, hospital).



When iovera⁰ is utilized for anterior (superficial genicular) knee pain and TKA incision-related pain, CPT code 64640 can be used to indicate treatment of up to 5 nerves or nerve branches.

Facility component

Facility reimbursement*

CPT Code	APC	HOPD Payment	ASC Payment
64640	#5443 Level II Nerve Injections	\$868.45	\$175.42
64624	#5431 Level I Nerve Procedure	\$1839.63	\$897.67



If the deep genicular nerves are treated (CPT 64624) and a superficial nerve is treated (CPT 64640), the superficial nerve treatment would not be separately reimbursed by Medicare for HOPDs.



ON-Q and ambIT Infusion Pumps



AVANOS*



Avanos Billing

Brand Name (HCPCS Code)	HCPCS Code	Long Descriptor	Payment Amount Limit
ON-Q Pump	C9804	Elastomeric infusion pump (e.g., ON-Q Pump with Bolus), including catheter and all disposable system components, non-opioid medical device (must be a qualifying Medicare non-opioid medical device for post-surgical pain relief in accordance with Section 4135 of the CAA, 2023)	\$2,284.98
ambIT Electronic Infusion Pump	C9806	Rotary peristaltic infusion pump (e.g., ambIT Pump), including catheter and all disposable system components, non-opioid medical device (must be a qualifying Medicare non-opioid medical device for post-surgical pain relief in accordance with Section 4135 of the CAA, 2023)	\$2,284.98



Implementation Strategies

Practice Standardization

- Entry to Practice Curriculum
- Regional Workshops
- Regional Anesthesia Foundations Class

Fellowships



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