

AUA Coding and Reimbursement Committee REPORT

First Quarter 2019

I attended the Coding and Reimbursement Committee in Washington DC on March 3, 2019. Confidentiality agreements prohibit me from discussing most of what we covered. Mostly it is new technologies that the developers are looking for AUA support for CPT codes. Things I can report on are a recommendation *not* to use 64581 (open interstim electrode implant) as this implies cutting down to and

exposing the sacrum, something I doubt anyone is doing any more. For stage 1, it should be 64561.

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The BCG shortage has created a coding sticky wicket. The AUA has recommended 1/3 to ½ dose, divided among 1-3 patients. The reconstituted BCG is only stable for 2 hours. There is no consensus on how to charge for a half or third dose. Stay tuned to the AUA emails for recommendations.