



## Sphenopalatine Ganglion Block

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### Policy

**Sphenopalatine ganglion or nerve blocks, sphenopalantine radiofrequency ablation, and sphenopalantine ganglion stimulation for the treatment of any condition, including but not limited to occipital neuralgia, cluster headaches, and migraine headaches are considered experimental or investigational. The available scientific evidence remains insufficient to permit conclusions concerning the effect of this procedure on health outcomes.**

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### Procedure

#### **HCPCS/CPT CODE**

64505	Injection, anesthetic agent: sphenopalatine ganglion
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