Placement of JP Drain

Question:

I wanted to clarify whether or not we can bill for a Jackson Pratt drain that is inserted through a separate incision. Our doctors do these for almost every lumbar and cervical surgery they perform as well as their cranial surgeries. 62272 was mentioned but CPT only mentions it in relationship to drainage of CSF.

Answer:

CPT 62272 (Spinal puncture, therapeutic, for drainage of cerebrospinal fluid (by needle or catheter)) is not appropriate for placement of a JP drain since the drain is not placed in the spinal canal. In fact, placement of a wound management or surgical drainage device such as a JP drain or Penrose drain is not separately reported. Placement and removal of the device is included in the global surgical package for the primary procedure and not separately reported.