ICD-10-CM Codes in Nursing Homes

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"Every patient deserves an accurate and complete story."

HCC – Hierarchical Condition Categories

- HCCs are based on a patient's health, designed to accurately reflect patient "acuity" – or the severity of illnesses facing the patient. The health status in a given year is used to predict costs in the following year.
- The HCC values for a patient's documented diagnoses are used to assign a Risk Adjustment Factor – the higher the RAF, the sicker the patient.
- Payments to a provider may be "adjusted" to reflect the intensity of caring for a sicker patient.

HCCs – Diagnosis Coding

HCCs rely on accurate, complete, specific diagnosis coding as defined by The Official ICD-10-CM Guidelines for Coding and Reporting

 $\underline{https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd/10cmguidelines-FY2020\ final.pdf}$

Guidance published by the American Hospital Association in Coding Clinic –

https://www.codingclinicadvisor.com/

RAF-HCC Case Study

Medical History 70 y/o male Adult onset diabetes controlled by medication with progressive neuropathy causing weakness in his extremities Medical History 70 y/o male Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)/Asthmate Currently at baseline Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)/Asthmate Currently at baseline

RAF-HCC Case Study

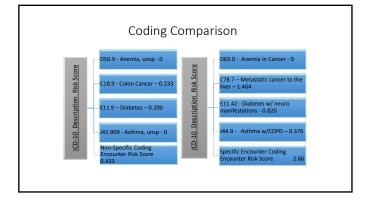
Final Impression after exam and blood count:

Weakness and headaches due to continued anemia

Inoperable cancer in the liver

Diabetic neuropathy

COPD with asthma



Role of Coders



Coders CAN:

Apply the conventions and definitions of ICD-10-CM Follow the guidance in AHA Coding Clinic Code the diagnoses documented by the physician for this encounter



Coders CANNOT:

Code from the Past Medical History or Problem List
Make inferences – e.g., patient's blood sugar is 300, so
this must be diabetes with hyperglycemia
Pull information from elsewhere in the medical record –
each note must stand on its own

What Qualifies?

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- Monitoring –
 Signs, symptoms, disease progression or regression
- Evaluating —
 Test results, medication effectiveness, response to treatment
- Assessing/addressing –
 Ordering tests, discussion,
 review record, counseling
- Treating Referral, medications, planned surgery, therapies, other modalities

About HCC Coding - Starts over every year on January 1 • All ongoing conditions must be addressed again each calendar year. An AWV and/or comprehensive visit at least once a year is helpful to assess and document all chronic conditions Diagnoses must be documented during a face-to-face visit, according to ICD-10-CM Guidelines. Remember the impact of interactions, status codes on Risk Scores Take care with "history of"	
EMR code descriptions may be truncated or incorrect EMR diagnosis lists lack guidance contained in the ICD-10-CM book or guidelines – for example: "When unilateral weakness is clearly documented as being associated with a stroke, it is considered synonymous with hemiparesis/hemiplegia." Coding Clinic 1Q 2015 M62.81 Muscle weakness (generalized) R53.1 Weakness I69.959 Hemiplegia and hemiparesis following unspecified cerebrovascular disease affecting unspecified side	
Diagnosis Guidelines	

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- Sometimes there is not enough known about the patient's condition to be more specific – NOS – Not Otherwise Specified or unspecified
- Sometimes you know more, but there is not a code that specific NEC Not Elsewhere Classified
- Focus on specificity where it affects treatment or further defines severity.

NOTES and Conventions

Chapter-specific guidelines along with Includes, Excludes1 and Excludes2 notes provide coding information that may not be apparent with crosswalks and encoder software.

Includes and Inclusion Terms are the same in ICD-9-CM as in ICD-10-CM ICD-9-CM had one note for Excludes

ICD-10-CM has

- Excludes 1 NOT CODED HERE!
- The two conditions cannot occur together.
- Excludes 2 Not included here. Must use a second code if both conditions are present.

"With"

"The classification presumes a causal relationship between the two conditions linked by these terms in the Alphabetic Index or Tabular List. These conditions should be coded as related even in the absence of provider documentation explicitly linking them, unless the documentation clearly states the conditions are unrelated. For conditions not specifically linked by these relational terms in the classification, provider documentation must link the conditions in order to code them as related."

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- Code assignment is based on the documentation by patient's provider (i.e., physician or other qualified healthcare practitioner legally accountable for establishing the patient's diagnosis). There are a few exceptions, such as codes for the Body Mass Index (BMI), depth of non-pressure chronic ulcers, pressure ulcer stage, coma scale, and NIH stroke scale (NIHSS) codes.... only reported as secondary diagnoses.
- For social determinants of health, such as information found in categories Z55-Z65, Persons with potential health hazards related to socioeconomic and psychosocial circumstances, code assignment may be based on medical record documentation from clinicians involved in the care of the patient who are not the patient's provider since this information represents social information, rather than medical diagnoses.

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- The appropriate code or codes from A00.0 through T88.9, Z00-Z99 must be used to identify diagnoses, symptoms, conditions, problems, complaints, or other reason(s) for the encounter/visit.
- For accurate reporting of ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes, the documentation should describe the patient's condition, using terminology which includes specific diagnoses as well as symptoms, problems or reasons for the encounter.

Steps to Correct Coding

 Codes that describe symptoms and signs, as opposed to diagnoses, are acceptable for reporting purposes when a diagnosis has not been established (confirmed) by the provider. Chapter 18 of ICD-10-CM, Symptoms, Signs, and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory Findings Not Elsewhere Classified (codes R00-R99) contain many, but not all codes for symptoms.

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Steps to Correct Coding	
ICD-10-CM provides codes to deal with encounters for	
circumstances other than a disease or injury. The Factors Influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services codes (200-99) is provided to deal	
with occasions when circumstances other than a disease or injury are recorded as diagnosis or	
problems.	
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Steps to Correct Coding	
ICD-10-CM is composed of codes with either 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 digits. Codes with three digits are included in ICD-10-CM as the heading	
of a category of codes that may be further subdivided by the use of fourth fifth digits, sixth or seventh digits which provide greater	
specificity.A three-digit code is to be used only if it is not further subdivided.	
A code is invalid if it has not been coded to the full number of characters required for that code, including the 7th character extension, if applicable.	
extension, if applicable.	
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Steps to Correct Coding	
List first the ICD-9-CM/ICD-10-CM code for the diagnosis, condition, problem or other reason for the	
encounter shown in the medical record to be chiefly responsible for the services provided. List additional	
codes that describe any coexisting conditions. In some cases the first-listed diagnosis may be a	
symptom when a diagnosis has not been established (confirmed) by the physician.	

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- Do not code diagnoses documented as "probable", "suspected", "questionable", "rule out", or working diagnosis. Rather, code the condition(s) to the highest degree of certainty for that encounter, such as symptoms, signs, abnormal test results, or other reason for the visit.
- Chronic diseases treated on an ongoing basis may be coded and reported as many times as the patient receives treatment and care for the condition(s).

Steps to Correct Coding

 Code all documented conditions that coexist at the time of the encounter, and require or affect patient care, treatment, or management. Do not code conditions that were previously treated and no longer exist. However, history codes (Z80-Z87) may be used as secondary codes if the historical condition or family history has an impact on current care or influences treatment.

Steps to Correct Coding

 The subcategories for encounters for general medical examinations, Z00.0-, provide codes for with and without abnormal findings. Should a general medical examination result in an abnormal finding, the code for general medical examination with abnormal finding should be assigned as the first listed diagnosis. A secondary code for the abnormal finding should also be coded.

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- Documentation must clearly indicate the reason for the visit and any coexisting conditions that affect treatment and care.
- Documentation for each visit must stand alone.
- If practice uses a problem list, it must be updated at each visit – and referenced in the documentation for the date of service.
- Each progress note should be signed with credentials.

Documentation Problems

- A prescription is listed but not the condition treated e.g., the drug is for hypertension but the provider did not list hypertension in the diagnoses for that date of service.
- Provider notes a diagnosis on the encounter form but it is not documented in the chart for the date of service billed.
- Diagnoses are not linked –

Certain Infectious and Parasitic Diseases

- Includes diseases generally recognized as communicable or transmissible
- Use additional code to identify resistance to antimicrobial drugs (Z16)
- When coding sepsis or AIDS, it is important to review the Coding Guidelines and the notes at the category level of ICD-10-CM
- Categories B90-B94 are to be used to indicate conditions in categories A00-B89 as the cause of sequelae, which are themselves classified elsewhere.

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• Code only confirmed cases, but the physician's statement is sufficient confirmation.

R75 - inconclusive test

Z21 – HIV positive

B20 - AIDS

- Sequencing -
 - If the encounter is for an HIV-related illness, B20 is coded first
 - If the encounter is for an unrelated illness, B20 is coded last

Patients with any known prior diagnosis of an HIV-related illness should be coded to B20 BUT the physician must state AIDS

Patients previously diagnosed with any HIV illness (B20) should never be assigned to R75 or Z21, Asymptomatic human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] infection status.

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Neoplasm Table

- Malignant
 - Primary default
 - Secondary metastasis, secondary
 - Ca in Situ
- Benign
- Uncertain Behavior
- Unspecified Behavior

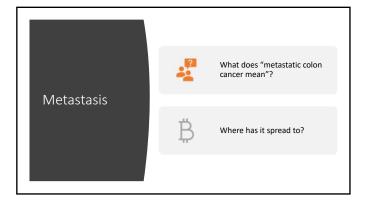
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Neoplasm Table

Neiglasm	Matignant Primary	Matignant Secondary	Ca in situ	Berrign	Uncertain Behavior	Unapecified Between
- Salteure (saint)	C51.9	C79.82	D07.1	D20.0	D39.8	049.50
major	C81.0	C79.82	D07.1	D29.0	D39.6	D49.59
minut	631.1	C79.82	0.07.1	D26.8	D39.6	D49.59
- bactimal	100					
- constout	089.5-	C79.49	009.3-	831.5	D48.7	049.89
third (nexe)	C69.5-	C79.49	0063-	D3H.5-	D46.7	049.89
- gland	C69.5-	C75.49	009.2-	D21.5-	D48.7	D49.89
- puretan	C88.5-	C75.48	D06.2-	D31.5-	D48.7	C49.89
Sec	C69.5-	C75.49	009.2-	D21.5-	D48.7	D49.89
- Langemens, tolerate or linets	C25.4	C75.89	D01.7	D13.F	DSFA	D49.0
- Salyngopharyne	C13.8	C79.89	000.08	D10.7	037.03	D49.0
Seryme, Serympeni MEC	C32.9	C78.39	062.6	D14.1	D06.0	D49.1
- Agregigiatis fold	C32.1	C79.39	0.000	D14.1	038.9	D49.1
cartiage (arylenost) (oncost) (ouredown) (ftyrost)	C30.5	C78.36	060.0	D14.1	D38.0	D49.1
- continueure (arterior) (posterior)	C32.8	C78.36	D02.0:	D14.1	D38.0	249.1
- defress NOC	C32.1	C79.39	0018	D14.1	038.0	D49.1
meeting hyprophetyne	C13.8	C79.89	D00.08	D10.F	D37.05	D49.0
- Interwylenoid fold	C32.1	C78.39	D02.0	D14.1	D36-3	D49.1
- communic	C33.6	C78.36	D62.8	D14.1	D38-3	049.1
- mediagong leater	C32.8		74.7		11.4	4.1
ventriouser hand	C32.1	C79.39	D02.0	D14.1	D36.0	049.1
leg NEC	C26.3-	C79.89	D04.7:	D36.7	D48.7	D49.89
- Sens, crystalline	C89.4-	(279.49	009.2-	D31.4-	D48.7	049.89
ht (tower) (upper)	C44.10-	CPE2	064.1-	D29.1-	D48.5	049.2
- fusal set caronuma	C44.11-	7.7	1.6		4.	
- sebocerus self	C44.13-	4.				
specified have NEC	G44.19-	- 47	174		4.5	1.0

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When to code history of malignancy?

As in ICD-9-CM, guidelines are that the condition is coded as "history of" when the malignancy has been eradicated and the patient is no longer receiving treatment and care for that condition.

May differ from clinical guidelines.

Diabetes

Five Categories

- E08 DM due to underlying condition
- E09 Drug or chemical-induced DM
- E10 Type 1 DM
- E11 Type 2 DM
- E13 Other specified DM

Previously, complications had to be specifically linked – now certain conditions are assumed to be complications

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Combination Codes	
Code as many complications as are documented • Type	
Body system affected	
Complications affecting that system Additional code may still be needed if further specificity documented	
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Incidence of Diabetes Complications	
 Diabetic retinopathy – estimated at 50% of patients with diabetes, and is the leading cause of new cases of blindness each year. 	
 Diabetic nephropathy - Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure, accounting for 44% of new cases in 2005. 	-
Diabetic neuropathy - 60% to 70% of people with diabetes have mild to severe forms of nervous system damage.	
Peripheral circulatory disorders - More than 60% of nontraumatic lower-limb amputations occur in people with diabetes. The rate	
of amputation for people with diabetes is 10 times higher than for people without diabetes.	
 Periodontal (gum) disease - One-third of people with diabetes have severe periodontal disease with loss of attachment of the 	
gums to the teeth measuring 5 millimeters or more.	
Uncontrolled?	-
ICD-10-CM assigns primary code for hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia,	
then additional code for complications E08-E13.641 – with hypoglycemia with coma	
E08-E13.649 – with hypoglycemia without coma	
E08-E13.65 — with hyperglycemia	

Longterm	(Current)) Use of	[*] Insulin

Z79.4

- "longterm" is defined by physician, but is not to be used when insulin is given temporarily to reduce the patient's blood sugar during the particular encounter
- In ICD-10-CM Guidelines, specific to type 2 or secondary not incorrect to code for type 1 but does not add value
- Code for insulin pump, Z96.41, is also appropriate in both Type 1 and Type 2 patients

Secondary to Drug/Chemical

Patient is seen for ongoing management of steroid-induced diabetes mellitus due to the prolonged use of corticosteroids, which have been discontinued. The patient's diabetes is managed with insulin which he has been taking for the last 2 years.

- E09.9 Diabetes, diabetic, (mellitus)(sugar) due to drug or chemical
- T38.0X5S Refer to Table of Drugs and Chemicals, Corticosteroid, adverse effect
- Z79.4 Long-term (current) (prophylactic) drug therapy (use of), insulin

Other Diabetes Diagnosis Codes

- Abnormal fasting glucose R73.01
- Abnormal glucose tolerance test R73.02
- Pre-diabetes NOS R73.03
- Dysmetabolic syndrome X E88.81

Not used in a patient with known diabetes

- Hyperglycemia R73.9
- Hypoglycemia E16.2
- Glycosuria R81

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- E66.01 Morbid (severe) obesity due to excess calories
- E66.09 Other obesity due to excess calories
- E66.1 Drug-induced obesity
 Use additional code for adverse effect, if applicable, to identify drug (T36-T50 with fifth or sixth character 5)
- \bullet E66.2 Morbid (severe) obesity with alveolar hypoventilation
- E66.3 Overweight
- E66.8 Other obesity
- E66.9 Obesity, unspecified

Also code BMI if documented - can be documented by staff
New guideline for 2019 – DO NOT code BMI unless physician
documents associated condition

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I10 – hypertension now includes high blood pressure

New category I16 – to be coded in addition to I10-I15 –

I16.0 Hypertensive urgency

I16.1 Hypertensive emergency

I16.9 Hypertensive crisis, unspecified

Assumed linkage between hypertension and kidney failure or hypertension and heart failure

Example

The physician lists the patient's diagnoses as hypertension, congestive heart failure, diabetes

I11.0 - Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure

I50.9 – Heart failure, unspecified

E11.9 - Diabetes, unspecified

Used as an additional code with otitis media, asthma, COPD, CAD -

- Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (Z77.22)
- Exposure to tobacco smoke in the perinatal period (P96.81)
- History of tobacco use (Z87.891)
- Occupational exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (Z57.31)
- Tobacco dependence (F17.-)
- Tobacco use (Z72.0)

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Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias

- G30.0 Alzheimer's disease with early onset Alzheimer's dementia senile and presenile forms
- G30.1 Alzheimer's disease with late onset Alzheimer's dementia senile and presenile forms
- G30.8 Other Alzheimer's disease Alzheimer's dementia senile and presenile forms
- G30.9 Alzheimer's disease, unspecified
 Senility is now coded as symptom code R41.81
 Senile dementia coded as nervous and mental code F03
 Additional code to specify behavioral disturbance

52yo male has been having increasing dementia and forgetfulness. He has been wandering off and leaving his home and forgetting where he is or where he is going. The diagnosis of dementia due to early-onset Alzheimer's was established.

G30.0 Alzheimer's disease, early onset

F02.81 Dementia, in Alzheimer's disease, with behavioral disturbance

Z91.83 Wandering, in diseases classified elsewhere

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- Without any further information, "stroke" is coded as a current condition.
- Late effects of a CVA or stroke are coded from the I69 series –
 the late effect may be present from the onset or may occur at a
 later time. Physician must specify that the condition is a late
 effect of the stroke.
- History of CVA without any residual effects is coded Z86.73 -Personal history of transient ischemic attack (TIA), and cerebral infarction without residual deficits

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COPD

- 144.0 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute lower respiratory infection
- Use additional code to identify the infection
- J44.1 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with (acute) exacerbation
- J44.9 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, unspecified

Excludes2 note indicates that you will code both J44.0 and J44.1 in a patient with acute bronchitis and COPD exacerbation

A separate Excludes2 note indicates that you would also code J45.* to indicate the status of patient's asthma – mild/moderate/severe and persistent/intermittent.

Arthritis/Arthropathy

- Differing codes for different types/causes of arthritis
- Site and laterality specific codes
- Arthritis of "multiple site" codes may be applicable
- If category does not contain "multiple site" codes, code each site individually
- If no option for bilateral, code L and R separately

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- Generalized
- Specific Site, including Laterality
- Secondary, including Post-traumatic
- Codes for multiple sites
- Unspecified

Per Coding Clinic, in US "arthritis" assumes osteoarthritis – if site is specified, then assume primary osteoarthritis of that site.

Osteoporosis

- Site is not a component of the code unless there is a current pathological fracture
- History of osteoporosis fractures Z87.310 may be used as a secondary code

Example

80yo female with senile osteoporosis. She complains of severe back pain with no history of trauma. Xrays revealed pathological compression fractures of several lumbar vertebrae.

• M80.08XA - Fracture, pathological, due to osteoporosis

(7th character A for initial encounter)

Symptoms, Signs and other Abnormal Clinical Findings

Code symptoms when:

- No more specific diagnosis can be made even after all facts have been investigated
- Provisional diagnosis in patient failing to return
- Referred elsewhere before diagnosis made
- More precise diagnosis not available

Do not code symptoms when the cause is known and coded.

Exception: Certain symptoms, for which supplementary information is provided, that represent important problems in medical care in their own right

Injury, Poisoning, and other Consequences of External Causes

- Injuries grouped by body part rather than category of injury
- Encompasses 2 alpha characters
 - S Injuries related to body region Note: Use secondary code(s) from Chapter 20 to indicate cause of injury
 - T Injuries to unspecified region Poisonings, external causes codes that include the external cause do not require an additional external cause code
- Seventh character to indicate episode of care

7th Characters – Episode of Care

• Initial encounter

The patient is receiving active treatment for the condition – such as surgical treatment, emergency department encounter

• Subsequent encounter

After patient received active treatment for the condition and receiving routine care during healing or recovery phase: cast change or removal, medication adjustment, other aftercare and follow-up visits following injury treatment

• Sequela

Complications or conditions that arise as a direct result of a condition ("late effects")

- Use both the injury code that precipitated sequela and code for sequela code for sequela first
- S added only to injury code, not sequela code

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Patient complains of pain in right hip, due to arthritis from fracture of hip several years ago.

M16.51 - unilateral post-traumatic osteoarthritis, right hip S72.051S - unspecified fracture of head of right femur, sequela

Table of Drugs and Chemicals

Poisoning

- Poisoning
 Poisoning code to include circumstances
 Manifestation of poisoning

Circumstances

- Accidental
- Intentional Self-Harm
- Assault
- Undetermined Default is Accidental

Adverse Effect

- Nature of adverse effect
- Adverse Effects column

Table of Drugs and Chemicals - Example

		Poiso	ning			
	Accidental	Intentional	Assault	Undetermined	Adverse Effect	Underdosing
Calcium	T50.3X1	T50.3X2	T50.3X3	T50.3X4	T50.3X5	T50.3X6
actylsalicylate	T39.011	T39.012	T39.013	T39.014	T39.015	T39.016
benzamidosalicylate	T37.1X1	T37.1X2	T37.1X3	T37.1X4	T37.1X5	T37.1X6
bromide	T42.6X1	T42.6X2	T42.6X3	T42.6X4	T42.6X5	T42.6X6
bromolactobionate	T42.6X1	T42.6X2	T42.6X3	T42.6X4	T42.6X5	T42.6X6
carbaspirin	T39.011	T39.012	T39.013	T39.014	T39.015	T39.016
carbimide	T50.6X1	T50.6X2	T50.6X3	T50.6X4	T50.6X5	T50.6X6
carbonate	T47.1X1	T47.1X2	T47.1X3	T47.1X4	T47.1X5	T47.1X6
chloride	T50.991	T50.992	T50.993	T50.994	T50.995	T50.996
anhydrous	T50,991	T50.992	T50,993	T50,994	T50.995	T50,996
cyanide	T57.8X1	T57.8X2	T57.8X3	T57.8X4		
dioctyl sulfosuccinate	T47.4X1	T47.4X2	T47.4X3	T47.4X4	T47.4X5	T47.4X6
disodium edathamil	T45.8X1	T45.8X2	T45.8X3	T45.8X4	T45.8X5	T45.8X6
disodium edetate	T45.8X1	T45.8X2	T45.8X3	T45.8X4	T45.8X5	T45.8X6
dobesilate	T46.991	T46.992	T46,993	T46.994	T46.995	T46,996
EDTA	T45.8X1	T45.8X2	T45.8X3	T45.8X4	T45.8X5	T45.8X6

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Example	
Patient seen for initial evaluation for pulmonary fibrosis due to Methotrexate used in treatment of Rheumatoid arthritis	
 J70.2 - Acute drug-induced interstitial lung disorders T45.1X5A - Adverse effect of antineoplastic and 	
 immunosuppressive drugs, initial encounter M05.40 - Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified site 	
Example	
The patient has constipation due to their longterm use of	
narcotics for chronic back pain. • K59.03 - Drug induced constipation	
T40.605A - Adverse effect of unspecified narcotics, initial encounter	
 M54.9 – Back pain G89.29 – other chronic pain 	
• Z79.891 - Long term (current) use of opiate analgesic	
Drug Therapy	
 Z79.1 - Long term (current) use of non-steroidal anti- inflammatories (NSAID) 	
 Z79.2 – Long term (current) use of antibiotics Z79.3 – Long term (current) use of hormonal contracentives 	

Z79.52 - Long term (current) use of systemic steroids
Z79.82 - Long term (current) use of aspirin
Z79.83 - Long term (current) use of bisphosphonates
Z79.84 - Long term (current) use of oral antidiabetic drugs
Z79.890 - Long term (current) use of hormone replacement
Z79.899 - Other long term (current) drug therapy

