ICD-10 Conventions and Guidelines

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Part 2- Conventions and Guidelines

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Overview

- Part 1 - ICD-10 fundamentals and navigation
- Part 2 - Coding conventions and guidelines
- Part 3 - ICD-10 code selection strategies
- Part 4 - Documentation improvement

Note: ICD-10-PCS are procedure codes which replace ICD-9-CM volume 3. They are used for inpatient hospital facility billing only and not discussed in this program.

ICD-10 Rules

1. **Conventions**
   (section I.A)
2. **General Coding Guidelines**
   (section I.B)
3. **Chapter Specific Coding Guidelines**
   (section I.C)
4. **The Tabular List** **takes precedence**
   (in-column instructions)

ICD-10 Conventions

NEC "Not elsewhere classified" or "other specified"

Used when the information in the medical record provides detail for which a specific code does not exist

NOS "Not otherwise specified" or "unspecified"

Used when the information in the medical record is insufficient to assign a more specific code.

OTHER ACUTE LOWER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS (J20-J22)

Excludes2:

chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute lower respiratory infection (J44.0)

J20-   ACUTE BRONCHITIS

Includes:

acute and subacute bronchitis (with) bronchospasm
acute and subacute bronchitis (with) tracheitis
acute and subacute bronchitis (with) tracheobronchitis, acute
acute and subacute fibrinous bronchitis
acute and subacute membranous bronchitis
acute and subacute purulent bronchitis
acute and subacute septic bronchitis

Excludes1:

bronchitis NOS (J40)
tracheobronchitis NOS (J40)

Excludes2:

acute bronchitis with bronchiectasis (J47.0)
acute bronchitis with chronic obstructive asthma (J44.0)
acute bronchitis with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (J44.0)
allergic bronchitis NOS (J45.909-)
bronchitis due to chemicals, fumes and vapors (J68.0)
chronic bronchitis NOS (J42)
chronic mucopurulent bronchitis (J41.1)
chronic obstructive bronchitis (J44.-)
chronic obstructive tracheobronchitis (J44.-)
chronic simple bronchitis (J41.0)
chronic tracheobronchitis (J42)

J20.0   Due to Mycoplasma pneumoniae
ICD-9= 041.81 Mycoplasma
ICD-9= 466.0 Acute bronchitis

J20.1   Due to Hemophilus influenzae
ICD-9= 041.5 H. influenzae infect NOS
ICD-9= 466.0 Acute bronchitis

J20.2   Due to streptococcus
ICD-9= 041.00 Streptococcus unspecf
ICD-9= 466.0 Acute bronchitis

J20.3   Due to coxsackievirus
ICD-9= 079.2 Coxsackie virus inf NOS
ICD-9= 466.0 Acute bronchitis

J20.4   Due to parainfluenza virus
ICD-9= 079.89 Oth specf viral infectn
ICD-9= 466.0 Acute bronchitis

J20.5   Due to respiratory syncytial virus
ICD-9= 079.6 Resprtry syncytial virus
ICD-9= 466.0 Acute bronchitis

J20.6   Due to rhinovirus
ICD-9= 079.3 Rhinovirus infect NOS
ICD-9= 466.0 Acute bronchitis

J20.7   Due to echovirus
ICD-9= 079.1 Echo virus infect NOS
ICD-9= 466.0 Acute bronchitis

J20.8   Due to other specified organisms
ICD-9= 466.0 Acute bronchitis

J20.9   Unspecified
ICD-9= 466.0 Acute bronchitis

ICD-10 Conventions

Includes

This note appears immediately under a three-digit code title to further define, clarify, or give examples of the content of a code category.

Inclusion terms

List of conditions assigned to that code

And

The word "and" should be interpreted to mean either "and" or "or" when it appears in a title… "either or"

S33- **DISLOCATION AND SPRAIN OF JOINTS AND LIGAMENTS OF LUMBAR SPINE AND PELVIS**

Includes:

avulsion of joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis

laceration of cartilage, joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis

sprain of cartilage, joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis

traumatic hemarthrosis of joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis

traumatic rupture of joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis

traumatic subluxation of joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis

traumatic tear of joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis

Code Also

any associated open wound

Excludes1:

nontraumatic rupture or displacement of lumbar intervertebral disc NOS (M51.-)

obstetric damage to pelvic joints and ligaments (O71.6)

Excludes2:

dislocation and sprain of joints and ligaments of hip (S73.-)

strain of muscle of lower back and pelvis (S39.01-)

The appropriate 7th character is to be added to each code from category S33

A - initial encounter

D - subsequent encounter

S - sequela

ICD-10 Conventions

<u>Etiology/manifestation</u>

The condition is sequenced first, followed by the manifestation

o Etiology code will have a "use additional" note

o Manifestation code will have a "code first" note

- Also usually says "in diseases classified elsewhere"

o Brackets surround the manifestation code in the alpha index

<u>Code Also</u>

Alerts the coder that more than one code may be required to fully describe the condition. The sequencing of the codes depends on the severity and/or the reason for the encounter.

Tabular List

FØ2- DEMENTIA IN OTHER DISEASES CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE

Code First:

the underlying physiological condition, such as:
Alzheimer's (G3Ø.-)
cerebral lipidosis (E75.4)
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (A81.Ø-)
dementia with Lewy bodies (G31.83)
epilepsy and recurrent seizures (G4Ø.-)
frontotemporal dementia (G31.Ø9)
hepatolenticular degeneration (E83.Ø)
human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] disease (B2Ø)
hypercalcemia (E83.52)
hypothyroidism, acquired (EØØ-EØ3.-)
intoxications (T36-T65)
Jakob-Creutzfeldt disease (A81.Ø-)
multiple sclerosis (G35)
neurosyphilis (A52.17)
niacin deficiency [pellagra] (E52)
Parkinson's disease (G2Ø)
Pick's disease (G31.Ø1)
polyarteritis nodosa (M3Ø.Ø)
systemic lupus erythematosus (M32.-)
trypanosomiasis (B56.-, B57.-)
vitamin B deficiency (E53.8)

Alphabetic Index

Dementia (degenerative (primary))
  (old age) (persisting) **FØ3.9Ø**
with
    aggressive behavior **FØ3.91**
    behavioral disturbance **FØ3.91**
    combative behavior **FØ3.91**
    Lewy bodies **G31.83 [FØ2.8Ø]**
      with behavioral disturbance
        G31.83 [FØ2.81]
    Parkinson's disease **G2Ø [FØ2.8Ø]**
      with behavioral disturbance **G2Ø**
        [FØ2.81]
    Parkinsonism **G31.83 [FØ2.8Ø]**
      with behavioral disturbance
        G31.83 [FØ2.81]
    violent behavior **FØ3.91**
  alcoholic **F1Ø.97**
    with dependence **F1Ø.27**

Tabular List

Alphabetic Index

ICD-10 Conventions

<u>Excludes</u>   ***Different in ICD-10***

Excludes1 – is used when two conditions cannot occur together or "NOT CODED HERE!" Mutually exclusive codes; two conditions that cannot be reported together.

Excludes2 – indicates "NOT INCLUDED HERE." Although the excluded condition is not part of the condition, it is excluded from, a patient may have both conditions at the same time. The excluded code and the code above the excludes can be used together if the documentation supports them.

ICD-10 Conventions

Excludes

Excludes1 – consider these codes *instead*
(you can only use 1)
(mutually exclusive)

Excludes2 – consider
 these codes *in addition*
(you may use 2 or more)
(Not included)

S33- **DISLOCATION AND SPRAIN OF JOINTS AND LIGAMENTS OF LUMBAR SPINE AND PELVIS**

Includes:

> *avulsion of joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis*
>
> *laceration of cartilage, joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis*
>
> *sprain of cartilage, joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis*
>
> *traumatic hemarthrosis of joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis*
>
> *traumatic rupture of joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis*
>
> *traumatic subluxation of joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis*
>
> *traumatic tear of joint or ligament of lumbar spine and pelvis*

Code Also

> *any associated open wound*

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>
> *obstetric damage to pelvic joints and ligaments (O71.6)*

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Is it the right code?

M25.6- Stiffness of joint, not elsewhere classified
Excludes1:
  ankylosis of joint (M24.6-)
  contracture of joint (M24.5-)

M25.60 **Unspecified joint**
ICD-9= *719.58 Jt stiffness NEC-oth jt*

M25.61- Stiffness of shoulder, not elsewhere classified
ICD-9= *719.51 Jt stiffness NEC-shlder*

M25.611 **Right**

M25.612 **Left**

M25.619 **Unspecified**

M25.62- Stiffness of elbow, not elsewhere classified
ICD-9= *719.52 Jt stiffness NEC-up/arm*

M25.621 **Right**

M25.622 **Left**

M25.629 **Unspecified**

M25.63- Stiffness of wrist, not elsewhere classified
ICD-9= *719.53 Jt stiffnes NEC-forearm*

M25.631 **Right**

M25.632 **Left**

M25.639 **Unspecified**

M25.64- Stiffness of hand, not elsewhere classified
ICD-9= *719.54 Jt stiffness NEC-hand*

M25.641 **Right**

M25.642 **Left**

M25.649 **Unspecified**

M25.65- Stiffness of hip, not elsewhere classified
ICD-9= *719.55 Jt stiffness NEC-pelvis*

M25.651 **Right**

M25.652 **Left**

M25.659 **Unspecified**

M25.66- Stiffness of knee, not elsewhere classified
ICD-9= *719.56 Jt stiffness NEC-l/leg*

M25.661 **Right**

M25.662 **Left**

M25.669 **Unspecified**

M25.652 *Stiffness of left hip, not elsewhere classified*

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   M25.632   Left
   M25.639   Unspecified

M25.64- Stiffness of hand, not elsewhere classified
   ICD-9= 719.54 *Jt stiffness NEC-hand*

   M25.641   Right
   M25.642   Left
   M25.649   Unspecified

M25.65- Stiffness of hip, not elsewhere classified
   ICD-9= 719.55 *Jt stiffness NEC-pelvis*

   M25.651   Right
   M25.652   Left
   M25.659   Unspecified

M25.66- Stiffness of knee, not elsewhere classified
   ICD-9= 719.56 *Jt stiffness NEC-l/leg*

   M25.661   Right
   M25.662   Left
   M25.669   Unspecified

Is it the right code?

M25.65- *Stiffness of hip, not elsewhere classified*

Note: this is the subcategory

Is it the right code?

M25.6 *Stiffness of joint, not elsewhere classified*

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Is it the right code?

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Note: the exclusion notes apply to all codes that begin with M25.6

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M25- OTHER JOINT DISORDER, NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED

Excludes2:
abnormality of gait and mobility (R26.-)
acquired deformities of limb (M20-M21)
calcification of bursa (M71.4-)
calcification of shoulder (joint) (M75.3)
calcification of tendon (M65.2-)
difficulty in walking (R26.2)
temporomandibular joint disorder (M26.6-)

M25.0- Hemarthrosis
Excludes1:
current injury - see injury of joint by body region
hemophilic arthropathy (M36.2)

M25- *Other joint disorder, not elsewhere classified*

Note: the exclusion notes apply to all codes that are in the M25 category

Is it the right code?

OTHER JOINT DISORDERS (M20-M25)

Excludes2:

joints of the spine (M40-M54)

M20- ACQUIRED DEFORMITIES OF FINGERS AND TOES

Excludes1:
acquired absence of fingers and toes (Z89.-)
congenital absence of fingers and toes (Q71.3-, Q72.3-)
congenital deformities and malformations of fingers and toes
(Q66.-, Q68-Q70, Q74.-)

M20.0- Deformity of finger(s)

Excludes1:
clubbing of fingers (R68.3)
palmar fascial fibromatosis (Dupuytren) (M72.0)

M20-M25 *Other joint disorders*

Note: the exclusion notes apply to all codes in the M20-M25 block

Is it the right code?

13. Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue (MØØ-M99)

Notes:

Use an external cause code following the code for the musculoskeletal condition, if applicable, to identify the cause of the musculoskeletal condition

Excludes2:

arthropathic psoriasis (L4Ø.5-)

certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (PØ4-P96)

certain infectious and parasitic diseases (AØØ-B99)

compartment syndrome (traumatic) (T79.A-)

complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium (OØØ-O9A)

congenital malformations, deformations, and chromosomal abnormalities (QØØ-Q99)

endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases (EØØ-E88)

injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (SØØ-T88)

neoplasms (CØØ-D49)

symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (RØØ-R94)

See Guidelines:

1;C.2Ø.a.1

4;B

M Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue

Note: the instructional notes apply to all codes in chapter 13

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Note:
In column instructions all the way back to the first character apply to this code. There were no exclusions at the code, but we found them in three other places as we worked backwards.

Coding tip: start with the specific code and work backwards to find the relevant instructional notes.

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ICD-10 Conventions

With/without

- "with" means "associated with" or "due to"
- default is always "without"

G47.1- Hypersomnia

Excludes2:

  alcohol-related hypersomnia (F10.182, F10.282, F10.982)

  drug-related hypersomnia (F11.182, F11.282, F11.982, F13.182, F13.282, F13.982, F14.182, F14.282, F14.982, F15.182, F15.282, F15.982, F19.182, F19.282, F19.982)

  hypersomnia due to a mental disorder (F51.13)

  hypersomnia not due to a substance or known physiological condition (F51.1-)

  primary hypersomnia (F51.11)

  sleep apnea (G47.3-)

G47.10   Unspecified

  Hypersomnia NOS

  ICD-9= 780.54 Hypersomnia NOS

G47.11   Idiopathic, with long sleep time

  Idiopathic hypersomnia NOS

  ICD-9= 327.11 Idio hypersom-long sleep

G47.12   Idiopathic, without long sleep time

  ICD-9= 327.12 Idio hypersom-no lng slp

G47.13   Recurrent

  Kleine-Levin syndrome

  Menstrual related hypersomnia

  ICD-9= 327.13 Recurrent hypersomnia

G47.14   Due to medical condition

  Code Also

    associated medical condition

  ICD-9= 327.14 Hypersomnia in other dis

G47.19   Other

  ICD-9= 327.19 Organic hypersomnia NEC

ICD-10 Rules

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   (section I.C)

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General Coding Guidelines

Code to the highest level of specificity (i.e. up to five digits in ICD-9, seven in ICD-10) *(section I.B.3)*

"List first the ICD-9-CM code for the diagnosis, condition, problem, or other reason for the encounter/visit shown in the medical record to be chiefly responsible for the services provided." *(section IV.H)*

General Coding Guidelines

"Code signs and symptoms when a related definitive diagnosis has not been established (confirmed) by the provider" *(section I.B.6)*

o mostly 780-799 in ICD-9

o mostly R00-R99 in ICD-10

RØ7- PAIN IN THROAT AND CHEST

Excludes1:
epidemic myalgia (B33.Ø)

Excludes2:
jaw pain R68.84
pain in breast (N64.4)

RØ7.Ø In throat

Excludes1:
chronic sore throat (J31.2)
sore throat (acute) NOS (JØ2.9)

Excludes2:
dysphagia (R13.1-)
pain in neck (M54.2)
ICD-9= 784.1 Throat pain

RØ7.1 Chest pain on breathing
Painful respiration
ICD-9= 786.52 Painful respiration

RØ7.2 Precordial
ICD-9= 786.51 Precordial pain

RØ7.8- Other chest pain
ICD-9= 786.59 Chest pain NEC

RØ7.81 Pleurodynia
Pleurodynia NOS
Excludes1:
epidemic pleurodynia (B33.Ø)
ICD-9= 786.52 Painful respiration

RØ7.82 Intercostal

RØ7.89 Other
Anterior chest-wall pain NOS

RØ7.9 Chest, unspecified
ICD-9= 786.5Ø Chest pain NOS

R45- SYMPTOMS AND SIGNS INVOLVING EMOTIONAL STATE

R45.Ø Nervousness
Nervous tension
ICD-9= 799.21 Nervousness

R45.1 Restlessness and agitation
ICD-9= 3Ø7.9 Special symptom NEC/NOS

R45.2 Unhappiness
ICD-9= 3ØØ.9 Nonpsychotic disord NOS

R45.3 Demoralization and apathy
Excludes1:
anhedonia (R45.84)
ICD-9= 799.25 Demoralization & apathy

R45.4 Irritability and anger
ICD-9= 799.22 Irritability

R45.5 Hostility
ICD-9= 3ØØ.9 Nonpsychotic disord NOS

R45.6 Violent behavior
ICD-9= 3ØØ.9 Nonpsychotic disord NOS

R45.7 State of emotional shock and stress, unspecified
ICD-9= 3Ø8.9 Acute stress react NOS

R45.8- Other symptoms and signs

R45.81 Low self-esteem
ICD-9= 3Ø7.9 Special symptom NEC/NOS

R45.82 Worries
ICD-9= 3Ø7.9 Special symptom NEC/NOS

R45.83 Excessive crying of child, adolescent or adult

General Coding Guidelines

"Signs and symptoms that are associated routinely with a disease process should not be assigned as additional codes" *(section I.B.7)*

R68.84	**Jaw pain**
	Mandibular pain
	Maxilla pain
	Excludes1:
	temporomandibular joint arthralgia (M26.62)
	ICD-9= 784.92 Jaw pain

"Additional signs and symptoms that may not be associated routinely with a disease process should be coded when present." *(sectionI.B.8)*

- Example: R11.0 *Nausea* and
  - S13.4xxA *Sprain of ligaments of the cervical spine*

General Coding Guidelines

"Do not code diagnoses documented as 'probable', 'suspected', 'questionable', 'rule out', or 'working diagnosis' or other similar terms indicating uncertainty." *(section IV.I)*
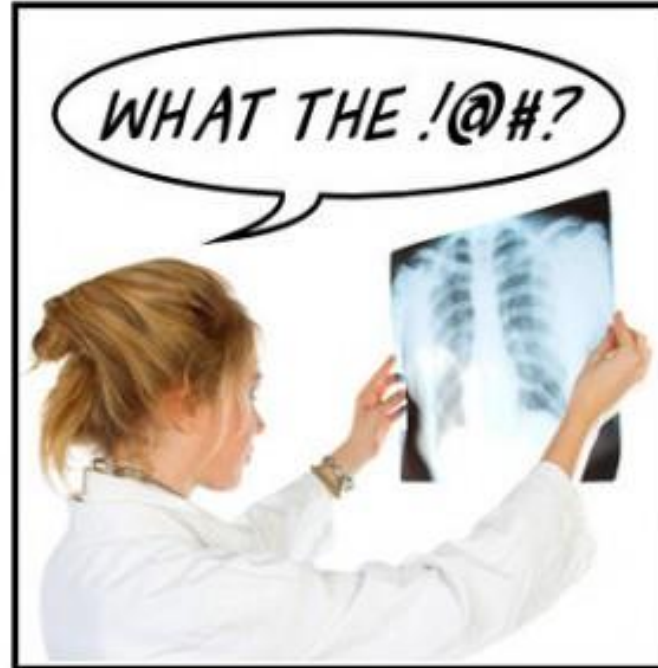
General Coding Guidelines

"Code all documented conditions that coexist at the time of the encounter/visit and require or affect patient care treatment or management." *(sectionIV.K)*

Diabetes? Pregnancy (Z33.1)? Cancer?

General Coding Guidelines

Acute and chronic

o The acute condition should always be listed before the chronic condition if both are present.

J10.1, J11.1)
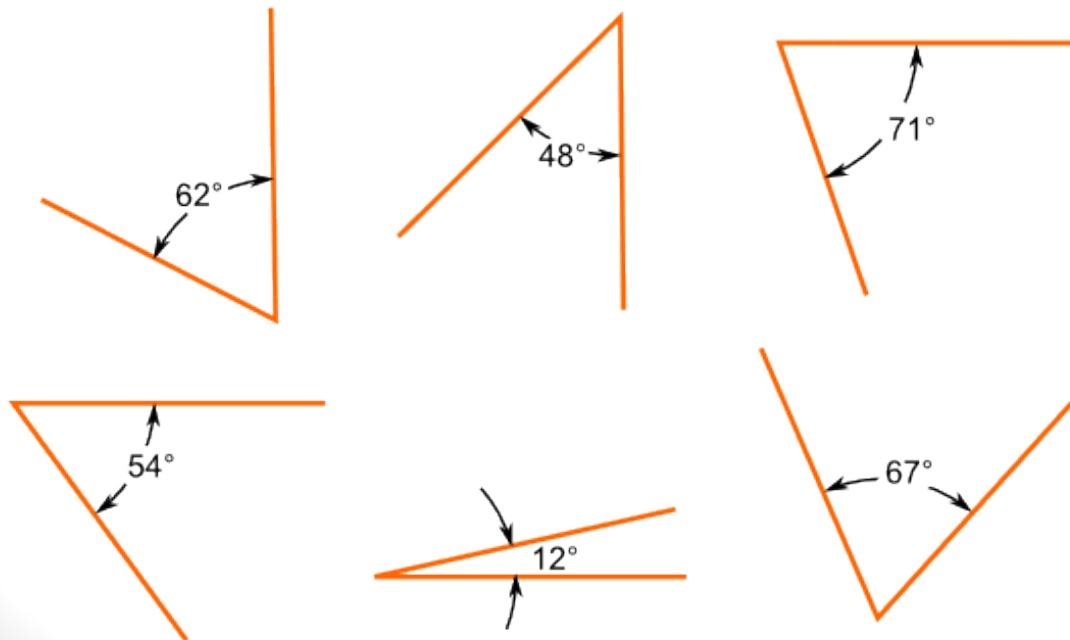
J01- ACUTE SINUSITIS

Includes:

   acute abscess of sinus

   acute empyema of sinus

   acute infection of sinus

   acute inflammation of sinus

   acute suppuration of sinus

Use additional code (B95-B97) to identify infectious agent.

Excludes1:

   sinusitis NOS (J32.9)

Excludes2:

   chronic sinusitis (J32.0-J32.8)

J01.0- Acute maxillary sinusitis

   Acute antritis

   ICD-9= 461.0 Ac maxillary sinusitis

J01.00 Unspecified

J01.01 Recurrent

General Coding Guidelines

Combination codes are used to classify:

- Two diagnoses, or
- A diagnosis with an associated secondary process (manifestation)
- A diagnosis with an associated complication

Diagnosis: Type 1 diabetes with diabetic cataract.	
ICD-9-CM Code Selection	**ICD-10-CM Code Selection**

250 Diabetes mellitus
  250.5 Diabetes with ophthalmic manifestations
    250.51 Diabetes with ophthalmic manifestations; type I (juvenile type), not stated as uncontrolled
	E08-E13 Diabetes mellitus (E08-E13)
	  E10 Type 1 diabetes mellitus
	    E10.3 Type 1 diabetes mellitus with ophthalmic complications
	      E10.36 Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic cataract

366.41 Diabetic cataract	
ICD-9-CM final code selection: **250.51 Diabetes with ophthalmic manifestations; type I (juvenile type), not stated as uncontrolled** **366.41 Diabetic cataract**	ICD-10-CM final code selection: **E10.36 Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic cataract**

General Coding Guidelines

Sequela (late effects)

- Residual effect after the acute phase of an illness or injury has terminated
  - Example: paralysis after cerebral infarction
- Code first the condition being treated, and second the illness or injury that led to it.
- Never code the acute phase of the illness or injury with a sequela

ICD-10 Conventions

Impending or Threatened condition

If a condition occurs, code confirmed diagnosis, if only impending or threatened, then code if found in index under those terms

Impending
  coronary syndrome **I2Ø.Ø**
  delirium tremens **F1Ø.239**
  myocardial infarction **I2Ø.Ø**

Threatened
  abortion **O2Ø.Ø**
    with subsequent abortion **O03.9**
  labor (without delivery) **O47.9**
    after 37 completed weeks of
      gestation **O47.1**
    before 37 completed weeks of
      gestation O47.Ø-
  miscarriage **O2Ø.Ø**

General Coding Guidelines

Laterality

o If the condition is bilateral and there is no bilateral code, then you have to list the left and right code separately.

o Sixth character (usually)
- 1=right
- 2=left

o List unspecified if laterality is not described
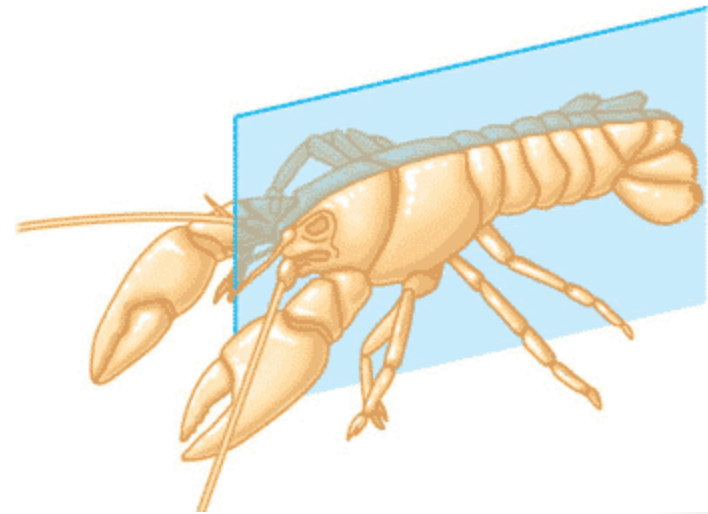
General Coding Guidelines

Always document laterality for any body part or organ that is bilateral in nature.

ICD-10-CM does not always provide a bilateral code. Sometimes it is only Right, Left or Unspecified.

DISEASES OF INNER EAR (H8Ø-H83)

H81- DISORDERS OF VESTIBULAR FUNCTION

Excludes1:
epidemic vertigo (A88.1)
vertigo NOS (R42)

H81.Ø- Ménière's disease
Including: Labyrinthine hydrops, Ménière's syndrome or vertigo
ICD-9= 386.ØØ Meniere's disease NOS

H81.Ø1	**Right ear**
H81.Ø2	**Left ear**
H81.Ø3	**Bilateral**
H81.Ø9	**Unspecified ear**

H81.1- Benign paroxysmal vertigo
ICD-9= 386.11 Benign parxysmal vertigo

H81.1Ø	**Unspecified ear**
H81.11	**Right ear**
H81.13	**Bilateral**

M67- OTHER DISORDERS OF SYNOVIUM AND TENDON

Excludes1:
palmar fascial fibromatosis [Dupuytren] (M72.Ø)
tendinitis NOS (M77.9-)
xanthomatosis localized to tendons (E78.2)

M67.31- Transient synovitis, shoulder
ICD-9= 727.Ø9 Synovitis NEC

M67.311	**Right**
M67.312	**Left**
M67.319	**Unspecified**

General Coding Guidelines

Be sure that the claim lines match the diagnosis selected to avoid denials.
When a CPT service is performed bilaterally, but the diagnosis does not have a bilateral descriptor, be sure to report the CPT with modifiers RT and LT and then match the RT and LT diagnoses with the correct CPT code.

M67.31-	Transient synovitis, shoulder
	ICD-9= 727.09 Synovitis NEC
M67.311	Right
M67.312	Left
M67.319	Unspecified

Example:

73Ø3Ø-RT   *Radiologic examination, **shoulder,** complete, minimum 2 views; **right side***

M67.311   *Transient synovitis, **shoulder, right***

73Ø3Ø-LT   *Radiologic examination, **shoulder,** complete, minimum 2 views; **left side***

M67.312   *Transient synovitis, **shoulder, left***

General Coding Guidelines

Placeholder "x" character

> ICD-10-CM utilizes a placeholder character "x" in positions 4, 5, and/or 6 in certain codes to allow for future expansion.

7th Characters

> Certain ICD-10-CM categories have applicable 7th characters. The 7th character must *always* be the 7th character in the data field. If a code that requires a 7th character is not 6 characters, a placeholder "x" must be used to fill in the empty characters.

General Coding Guidelines

Initial Encounter

DIAGNOSIS:
Traumatic, closed, nondisplaced transverse fracture of the left patella, initial encounter.
Code: S82.035A

Subsequent Encounter

DIAGNOSIS:
Traumatic, closed, nondisplaced transverse fracture of the left patella, subsequent encounter.
Code: S82.035D

Sequela

DIAGNOSIS:
Pain in the left knee one year post traumatic, closed, nondisplaced transverse fracture of the left patella, sequela.
Code: M35.562 Pain, knee, left
**   S82.035S**

General Coding Guidelines

The seventh character (encounter):

- **A** – *initial encounter*, while patient is receiving <u>active treatment</u> including continuing treatment by the same or a different physician

- **D** – *subsequent encounter*, routine care during the <u>healing or recovery phase</u>, such as <u>aftercare and follow up</u>

- **S** – *sequela,* complications or conditions that arise as a direct result of a condition, such as a scar formation after a burn.

General Coding Guidelines

The seventh character (encounter):

Which character is correct?

- Is the patient receiving active treatment? **A**
- Is the patient in the middle of a treatment plan? **A**
- Has the patient's condition stabilized? **D**
- Is the patient receiving supportive care? **D**
- Is the patient in a healing or recovery phase? **D**
- Is the patient being treated for a complication that is the direct result of some other condition that is no longer present? **S**

General Coding Guidelines

o An unspecified code should be reported only when it is the code that most accurately reflects what is known about the patient's condition at the time of that particular encounter.

*Note: payers are likely to deny unspecified codes

o It is inappropriate to select a specific code that is not supported by the health record documentation

o It is inappropriate to conduct medically unnecessary diagnostic testing in order to determine a more specific code.

PREPARE NOW FOR NO UNSPECIFIED CODES

➢ Locate your unspecified codes.
➢ GEMs map them to the ICD-10-CM code Look around at the other options within the code category.
➢ Determine additional detail needed in the documentation to avoid reporting an Unspecified code.

ICD-10 Rules

1. **Conventions**
   (section I.A)
2. **General Coding Guidelines**
   (section I.B)
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   (section I.C)
4. **The Tabular List** ****takes precedence**
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