

Molina Healthcare HCC Pearl Coding Tips

Diabetes w/Complications



Welcome to the Molina Healthcare Coding Institute.

Molina HealthCare is committed to supporting your clinical practice. Please take a moment to review this HCC Pearl.

A good standard of practice is to document a cause and effect relationship by using linkage terms like “diabetic” or “due to diabetes.”

Diabetes with complications require dual codes; the code for the diabetes is sequenced 1st followed by the manifestation code indicating the complication.

V-Codes are used to designate patients with Diabetes Type II using Insulin or a Family History of Diabetes.



What are the ICD-9 Codes that are used for Diabetic Complications?

- > Diabetes Mellitus with Renal Complications - 250.4x
 - *CKD - 585.1 - 585.9*
 - *Diabetic Nephritis - 583.81*
 - *Diabetic Nephrosis - 581.81*
- > Diabetes Mellitus with Ophthalmic Complications 250.5x
 - *Diabetic Cataract - 366.41*
 - *Diabetic Glaucoma - 365.44*
 - *Diabetic Macular Edema - 362.07*
 - *Diabetic Retinopathy - 362.01 - 362.07*
- > Diabetes Mellitus with Neuropathy - 250.6x
 - *DM Gastropathy - 536.3*
 - *DM Peripheral Autonomic Neuropathy - 337.1*
 - *DM Polyneuropathy - 357.2*
- > Diabetes Mellitus with Peripheral Circulatory - 250.7x
 - *DM Peripheral Angiopathy - 443.81*
- > Diabetes Mellitus with Other Specified 250.8x
 - *DM Chronic Skin Ulcer - 707.10 - 707.19*
 - *DM Hyperlipidemia - 272.4*
- > When Do I Use V-Codes?
 - *V58.67 - DM using Insulin, Long-Term, Current*
 - *V18.0 - Family History of DM*

Proper DM Linkage (Acceptable)

- > 62 year old Latino male with **Diabetic Gastroparesis, Diabetic CKD** and Peripheral Neuropathy. *Assessment: Stable (coded as (250.60, 536.3 the word Diabetic itself is what links the DM to Gastroparesis), (250.40, 585.9 the Word Diabetic is what links the DM to CKD), 356.9).*
Plan: Continue current treatment.
- > 58 year old African American male with History of **PVD due to DM** not compliant with medications as result patient has chronic Pressure Ulcers. *Assessment: Worsening (coded as (250.70, 443.81 the word due to, related to, secondary to is what links the DM to the PVD), 707.00, 707.20)*
Plan: Refer for wound care an with counselling provided.

Improper DM Linkage (Incomplete)

- > 62 year old woman here for a follow up on Diabetes Mellitus with Neurological Manifestations, DM with Renal Manifestations, Gastroparesis, CKD and Peripheral Neuropathy. *Assessment: Improving (Coded as 250.00, 536.3, 585.9, 356.9 Eventhough DM is documented as being with Neurological and Renal manifestations, Gastroparesis and CKD cannot be linked to DM because they are not stating that this conditions are related to DM*
Plan: Labs

Have Questions?

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