

ICD-10-CM Acute, History and Sequela Codes

Tips to improve documentation accuracy

High quality documentation and complete, accurate coding of chronic conditions can help capture our members' health status. This information is from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and **International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification guidelines**.

- **Acute code:** Used for a current condition that has a sudden onset, develops rapidly and typically lasts for a short period of time. Acute conditions do not typically occur in outpatient settings.
- **History code:** Used when there is history of a condition, but they have no further symptoms and require no further care.
- **Sequela code:** Used to capture active residual impacts/effects after an acute event or diagnosis.

Coding and documentation examples

Condition	Questions to ask	Acute	History	Sequela
Myocardial infarction	Did the MI occur within the last four weeks?	Code category I21		
	Did the MI occur more than four weeks ago and is the patient still receiving care?	Aftercare code Z48.812		
	Did a new MI occur within four weeks of the initial MI?	Code category I22 (subsequent MI)		
	Did the acute event occur more than four weeks ago, and the patient does not have symptoms or require further care?		Code I25.2 (old or healed MI)	
Cancer	Is malignancy currently undergoing treatment (i.e., surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, hormonal), or has the patient chosen not to be treated?	Specific code for type of cancer		
	Has the primary malignancy been excised or eradicated from its site, no further treatment is being directed to that site, and there is no evidence of disease?		Code category Z85	
Stroke	Has diagnosis been confirmed by a computed tomography angiography or magnetic resonance imaging?	Code category I63		
	Is patient experiencing residual effects of stroke after acute event?			Code category I69
	Does the patient have a history of a stroke or transient ischemic attack, currently has no identifiable manifestations and is no longer in need of specific treatment?		Code Z86.73	

Additional information

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