Diabetes and Renal Failure Coding

Selection of an ICD-9-CM diagnosis code is based on the documentation in the patient’s medical record. This tool should be used as an aid in choosing a correct code, and does not substitute for a written diagnosis in the medical record which matches the selected code.

All diabetes diagnoses require a 5 digit ICD-9 code. First, select the appropriate 4 digit code and a code for any manifestations. Remember, the medical record must reflect the relationship between the conditions (e.g. diabetic neuropathy, not diabetes, neuropathy). Once you have selected the appropriate 4 digit code, select the correct 5th digit from the box at the bottom of this page. Note that this is not an all inclusive list of manifestations.

250.0_ Diabetes w/o mention of complication
250.1_ Diabetes with ketoacidosis
250.2_ Diabetes with hyperosmolarity
250.3_ Diabetes with other coma
250.4_ Diabetes with Renal manifestations
583.81 Nephritis and Nephropathy in other diseases
581.81 Nephrotic syndrome in other diseases
250.5_ Diabetes with ophthalmic manifestations
362.01 Background diabetic retinopathy
362.02 Proliferative diabetic retinopathy
366.41 Diabetic cataract
366.83 Retinal edema

Fifth-digit sub-classifications for use with category 250

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Chronic Kidney disease is defined as either kidney damage or GFR < 60 mL/min/1.73 m² for ≥ 3 months.

1. From Section IV.C. of the official ICD9 coding guidelines: For accurate reporting of ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes, the documentation should describe the patient’s condition, using terminology which includes specific diagnoses as well as symptoms, problems, or reason for the encounter.

*See the “Stages of Chronic Kidney Disease Table” above for more information

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