

ICD-10 Notes for Notes

This document is offered as an at-a-glance reference for clinicians. It lists, by condition, some notations which may be made in encounter notes that will assist with quickly selecting very specific ICD-10 codes. For each condition seen, be sure to address these highlights in your note if they apply to your patient *on that day*. This will empower whomever selects ICD codes for your charges to make the best possible choice and creates a note which supports the proper code choice. If your notes already include these details, then this may serve as a checklist to ensure that your protocols, encounter forms, chart notes or other handouts are tools which support gathering sufficient detail at every visit.

ADD/ADHD

Type: Predominantly inattentive, Predominantly hyperactive, Combined

NOTE: BEFORE definitive diagnosis is made, consider "*Symptoms and signs involving cognition, perception, emotional state and behavior*": Attention & concentration deficit, Restlessness & agitation, Overactivity

Asthma

Chronicity/Severity: Acute, Chronic, Mild, Intermittent, Persistent

Type: Allergic, Extrinsic, Intrinsic

With/without: Acute exacerbation, Infection, COPD, Chronic obstructive bronchitis

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Bronchitis, Bronchiolitis

Chronicity: Acute, Chronic

Due to organism (if known): Strep, RSV, rhinovirus, Unknown = unspecified

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Common Cold

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Conjunctivitis

Laterality: Left, Right, Bilateral

Chronicity: Acute, Chronic

External Cause: Bacteria, Virus, Organism (ONLY if known)

Type: Follicular, Mucopurulent, Atopic, Toxic, Pseudomembranous, Serous

Constipation

Type: Psychogenic, Slow transit, Outlet dysfunction

Cough

*See section for **Symptoms** (below)*

Dermatitis/Eczema

Chronicity: Acute, Chronic

Type: Erythematous, Fissum, Rubrum, Squamous

Due to: Exposure to _____, Ingestion of _____

Diabetes

Type: 2, 1, Juvenile

Underlying conditions: Cushing's, CF, Malnutrition

Complications: Kidney, Cardiac, Ophthalmic, Neuro, Oral, Skin

Additional Details: Insulin use

Enuresis

Considered a symptom unless Due to: Substance, Physiological condition

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Foreign Body

Specific Site: Skin (location), Eye, Orifice,

Type of entry: Accidental, Ingestion, Resulting from procedure

Fragment/Object Type: Splinter, Wood, Metal, Retained

Associated Injury/Wound: Laceration, Puncture

Feeding Problems

Considered symptom unless newborn up to 28 days.

For newborns, Type: Bilious, Other

Fever

Considered symptom unless newborn up to 28 days or if cause is known.

Newborn: Environmental, Other, Postoperative, Postimmunization

Cause: Underlying condition, Infection w/organism

Gastritis

Chronicity: Acute, Chronic

Bleeding: With, Without

Underlying Causes: Diet deficiency

Type: Allergic, Nervous, Spastic

Immunizations

NOTE: CPTs will identify the immunizations given

Reason Immunization Not Carried Out: Acute illness, Chronic illness, Immune compromised state, Allergy to vaccine or component, Other contraindication, Patient having had disease, Patient decision for reasons of belief/group pressure, Religious belief, Caregiver/guardian/parental refusal

Underimmunized Status: Delinquent, Lapsed schedule

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Influenza

Type: Seasonal, Novel, (Virus, if known: Avian, Bird, A/H5N1, Other animal origin(not bird or swine), Swine), Unknown = unspecified

Manifestations: Pneumonia, Gastrointestinal, OM, Laryngitis, Pharyngitis, Upper respiratory symptoms

Migraine

Type: Abdominal, Complicated, Hemiplegic, Intractable, Not intractable, Menstrual, Ophthalmoplegic

Status: With/without migrainosus, With/without aura, With/without refractory migraine

Nasopharyngitis

Type: Acute, Chronic, Allergic

Causes: Allergens

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Rhinitis

Type: Acute, Chronic, Allergic

Causes: Allergens

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Newborn/Delivery

Place of Birth: In hospital, Outside hospital

Type of delivery: Vaginal, Cesarean

Obesity, Overweight

Type: Morbid

Additional Detail: BMI

Causes: Excess calories, drug-induced,

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Otitis Media

Laterality: Left, Right, Bilateral

Chronicity: Recurrent, Acute, Chronic

Types: Allergic (acute, subacute), Serous, Nonsuppurative, Mucoïd, Sanguinous, Seromucinous, Tubotympanic, Atticoantral

Rupture: With/without spontaneous perforation of the tympanic membrane

Cause (if known): Organism

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Otitis Externa

Laterality: Left, Right, Bilateral

Type: Malignant, Infective (Diffuse, hemorrhagic, Swimmer's), Actinic, Chemical, Contact, Eczematoid, Reactive

Pneumonia

Due to: Bacterium, Virus, Specific organism (if known)

Specific Site (if known): Broncho, Lobar

Type: Hypostatic, Aspiration (If known, include substance), Newborn (If known, include substance), Inhalation (If known, include substance)

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Sinusitis (Chronic)

Chronicity: Acute, Chronic

Due to: Allergies, TB, Flu

Specific Site (ONLY when known): Maxillary, Frontal, Ethmoidal, Sphenoidal, Pansinusitis

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Symptoms

Symptoms should not be billed when the condition of which they are a part is billed. NOTE: Some carriers will pay for tests performed due to symptoms noted when results are used to arrive at a definitive diagnosis/condition.

URI

Chronicity: Acute, Chronic, Recurrent

Due to (if known): Bacterial, Viral, Influenza

Specific Body Site: Larynx, Pharynx, Epiglottis, Sinus, Multiple sites

UTI

Specific Body Site (ONLY if known): Bladder, Kidney

Due to (ONLY if known): Bacterium, Virus, TB

Well Care

Age: Newborn, 8-28 days, 29 days- 17 years, 18+

Healthy Child Encountering: Adverse socioeconomic conditions, Awaiting foster or adoptive placement, Maternal illness, Number of children at home preventing or interfering with normal care

Additional Details: With/without abnormal findings

Examination for: Adolescent development state, period of delayed growth in childhood, Eyes and vision, Ears and hearing, Participation in sport, Adoption services

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