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#### 2018 ICD-10-CM Code Update



### **Purpose of Coding**

- Statistical data (mortality and morbidity)
- Clinical picture
- Payment
- Establish medical necessity for our claims
- Risk adjustment
- Compliance with applicable coding guidelines
- HIPAA Administrative Simplification Rule
  - October 16, 2003
  - Every provider/every payor

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#### ICD-10-CM

- World health organization (WHO) publishes the ICD-10, the statistical classification of disease.
- National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) publishes the ICD-10-CM, a morbidity classification for classifying diagnoses and reason for visits in all health care settings
- CMS and NCHS provide the guidelines for coding and reporting



## **Cooperating Parties**

- The guidelines have been approved by four cooperating parties
  - American Hospital Association (AHA)
  - American Health Information management Association (AHIMA)
  - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
  - National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

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## **2018 Code Changes**

- 324 new codes
- 44 revised codes
- 38 deleted codes
- Official Guidance published August 10<sup>th</sup>
- Effective October 1, 2017



## **Chapter 1 Infectious and Parasitic Diseases**

- A04.7 Enterocolitis due to Clostridium difficile expands to:
- New Codes:
- A04.71 Enterocolitis due to clostridium difficile, recurrent
- A04.72 Enterocolitis due to clostridium difficile, not specified as recurrent

Note: A04 remain case mix diagnoses.

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## **Chapter 1 Infectious and Parasitic Diseases**

• C. difficile infection is most commonly associated with health care and recent antibiotic use, occurring in hospitals and other health care facilities where a much higher percentage of people carry the bacteria.



## **Chapter 1 Infectious and Parasitic Diseases**

- Spores from C. difficile bacteria are passed in feces and spread to food, surfaces and objects when people who are infected don't wash their hands thoroughly.
- These spores can persist in a room for weeks or months. If you touch a surface contaminated with C. difficile spores, you may then unknowingly swallow the bacteria.

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## **Chapter 1 Infectious and Parasitic Diseases**

- An aggressive strain of C. difficile has emerged that produces far more toxins than other strains do.
- The new strain may be more resistant to certain medications and has shown up in people who haven't been in the hospital or taken antibiotics.
- This strain of C. difficile has caused several outbreaks of illness since 2000.



### **Example**

 Patient admitted with type 1 diabetes mellitus, ESRD, diabetic neuropathy and recurrent C difficile. Both nursing and therapy will be seeing the patient. Therapy will be working with the numbness and tingling.

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#### **Answer**

- M1021: E10.42 Type 1 diabetes with polyneuropathy
- M1023: E10.22 Type 1 diabetes with chronic renal disease
- M1023: N18.6 End stage renal disease
- M1023: A04.71 Enterocolitis due to clostridium difficile, recurrent



## **Chapter 2 Neoplasms**

- C96.2 expands to:
- C96.20 Malignant mast cell neoplasm, unspecified
- C96.21 Aggressive systemic mastocytosis
- C96.22 Mast cell sarcoma
- C96.29 Other malignant mast cell neoplasm
- Note: C96.2 remains case mix diagnoses

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## **Chapter 2 Neoplasms**

- D47.0 expands to:
- D47.01 Cutaneous mastocytosis
- D47.02 Systemic mastocytosis
- D47.09 Other mast cell neoplasms of uncertain behavior
- Note: D47 is not a case mix category



## **Chapter 2 Neoplasms**

- Mast cells are immune cells that produce a variety of mediators, such as histamine, that are important in the body's allergic responses.
- Systemic Mastocytosis is a disorder where mast cells are abnormally increased in multiple organs including the bone marrow.
- Malignant mast cells are neoplasms that may be aggressive

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## **Chapter 2 Neoplasms**

- Cutaneous mastocytosis is a form of mastocytosis that primarily affects the skin. There are three main forms that vary in severity:
- Maculopapular (also called urticaria pigmentosa)
- Solitary
- Diffuse
- There is also an extremely rare form called telangiectasia macularis eruptiva perstans



### **Example**

 Patient admitted for aftercare of a splenectomy due to aggressive systemic mastocytosis. The patient will also receive interferon alfa-2b 4 million units subcutaneously once/wk x 6 wks.

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#### **Answer**

- M1021: Z48.3 Aftercare following surgery for a neoplasm
- M1023: C96.21 Aggressive systemic mastocytosis
- M1023: Z79.899 Other high risk med
- M1023: Z90.81 Acquired absence of spleen



#### 2018 New Codes

- Diabetic ketoacidosis is a life-threatening problem that affects people with diabetes.
- It occurs when the body cannot use sugar (glucose) as a fuel source because there is no insulin or not enough insulin.
- Fat is used for fuel instead. When fat is broken down to fuel the body, chemicals called ketones build up in the body.
- Type II diabetics can also develop DKA, but it is less common and is usually triggered by uncontrolled blood sugar, missing doses of medicines, or a severe illness.

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## **Chapter 4 Endocrine Chapter**

- Two new codes:
- E11.10 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis without coma
- E11.11 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis with coma
- Note: E11.10 is a case mix diagnosis



### **Example**

Patient admitted with newly diagnosed Type 2
diabetes with ketoacidosis. Patient also has a left foot
ulcer with fat layer exposed. The focus of care is
teaching and training on new diabetic oral
hypoglycemics and wound care to the ulcer.

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#### **Answer**

- M1021: E11.10 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis without coma
- M1023: E11.621 Type 2 diabetes with foot ulcer
- M1023: L97.422 non pressure chronic ulcer of left heel and mid foot with fat layer exposed
- M1023: Z79.84 Long term (current) use of oral hypoglycemic



#### 'With' Convention

- The word "with" or "in" should be interpreted to mean "associated with" or "due to" when it appears in a code title, the alphabetic Index, or an instructional note in the Tabular List
- The classification presumes a causal relationship between the two conditions linked by these terms in the Alphabetic Index or Tabular List

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#### 'With' Convention

 These conditions should be coded as related even in the absence of provider documentation explicitly linking them, unless the documentation clearly states the conditions are unrelated or when another guideline exists that specifically requires a documented linkage between two conditions (e.g., sepsis guideline for "acute organ dysfunction that is not clearly associated with the sepsis".



#### 'With' Convention

 For conditions not specifically linked by these relational terms in the classification or when a guideline requires that a linkage between two conditions be explicitly documented, provider documentation must link the conditions in order to code them as related

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#### In Other Words

- It's not the coder that assumes—the classification assumes a cause and effect relationship between condition and the listed manifestations
- The only time you do not code those manifestations specifically listed with or in the condition, is if the physician has documented a different cause.
  - It is imperative that all documentation be reviewed for indications that there is another cause before assigning the manifestation to the condition.



### **Example**

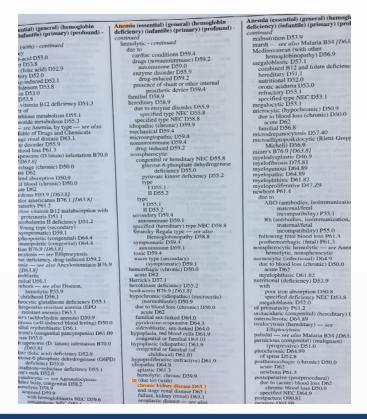
- Patient admitted to home health with anemia, diabetes and stage 3 chronic kidney disease. The focus of care is the anemia.
- M1021: E11.22 Type 2 diabetes with CKD
- M1023: N18.3 Chronic kidney disease stage 3
- M1023: D63.1 anemia in chronic kidney disease

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traction retinal detacm
               involving the
               macula E10.352
          traction retinal detachment not
               involving the
               macula E10.353
    skin complication NEC E10.628
    skin ulcer NEC E10.622
type 2 E11.9
    amyotrophy E11.44
    arthropathy NEC E11.618
    autonomic (poly) neuropathy E11.43 cataract E11.36
                                               Di
    Charcot's joints E11.610
    chronic kidney disease E11.22
    circulatory complication NEC E11.59
    complication E11.8
       specified NEC E11.69
                                                Di
    dermatitis E11.620
    foot ulcer E11.621
    gangrene E11.52
                                                Di
     gastroparalysis E11.43
     gastroparesis E11.43
     glomerulonephrosis,
                                                Di
         intracapillary E11.21
                                                Di
     glomerulosclerosis,
                                                Di
         intercapillary E11.21
                                                Di
     hyperglycemia E11.65
                                                Di
     hyperosmolarity E11.00
                                                Di
       with coma E11.01
     hypoglycemia E11 649
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#### **NEC Manifestations**

- Arthropathy NEC
- Circulatory complication NEC
- Complication, specified NEC
- Kidney complications NEC
- Neurologic complication NEC
- Oral complication NEC
- Skin complication NEC
- Note: The provider documentation must link the conditions in order to code NEC manifestations as related

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## 2018 Index Osteomyelitis

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macula E13.352
traction retinal detachment not involving the macula E13.353
skin complication NEC E13.628
skin ulcer NEC E10.628
skin ulcer NEC E10.622
steroid-induced — see Diabetes, due to, drug
or chemical
type I E10.99
with autonomic (poly) neuropathy E10.43
cataract E10.36
Charcot's joints E10.610
chronic kidney disease E11.22
circulatory complication NEC E10.59
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dermatitis E10.620
foot ulcer E11.620
foot ulcer E11.630
gastroparalysis E10.43
gastroparalysis E10.43
gastroparalysis E10.43
glomerulosclerosis,
intercapillary E10.21
glomerulosclerosis,
intercapillary E10.21
hyperglycemia E10.649
with coma E10.51
kidney complication NEC E10.29
Kimmelsteil-Wilson disease E11.21
mononeuropathy E10.41
myasthenia E11.42
neurologic complication NEC E10.30
oral complication NEC E10.638
osteomyelitis E10.630
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### **Coding Clinic Guidance**

 The same linkage between diabetes and osteomyelitis applies to other types of diabetes from categories E08-E13.



#### 2018 Insulin Guideline

- An additional code should be assigned from category Z79 to identify the long-term (current) use of insulin or oral hypoglycemic drugs.
- If the patient is treated with both oral medications and insulin, only the code for long term (current) use of insulin should be assigned.

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# Chapter 5 Mental, Behavioral and Neurodevelopmental Disorders

- F50.82 Avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder
- Last year we got 2 other eating disorder codes
- Note: The F50 category is not case mix



## **Chapter 6 Diseases of the Nervous System**

- 3 new codes:
- G12.23 Primary lateral sclerosis
- G12.24 Familial motor neuron disease
- G12.25 Progressive spinal muscle atrophy

Note: All 3 are case mix codes

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### **Example**

 Patient admitted with unsteady gait, multiple falls and a new diagnosis of primary lateral sclerosis. Both nursing and therapy will be seeing the patient



#### **Answer**

M1021: G12.23 Primary lateral sclerosis

M1023: Z91.81 History of falling

Note: R29.6, repeated falls, is listed for encounters when a patient has recently fallen and the reason for the fall is being investigated

Note: Z91.81, history of falling, is listed when a patient has fallen in the past and is at risk for future falls

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## 2018 Guideline Update

- Mild substance use disorders in early or sustained remission are classified to the appropriate codes for substance <u>abuse</u> in remission
- Moderate or <u>severe</u> substance use disorders in early or sustained remission are classified to the appropriate codes for substance <u>dependence</u> in remission



### **Coding Clinic Update**

- The ICD-10-CM classifies a history of nicotine dependence differently than other types of drug dependence, and there is a unique code for "history of nicotine dependence."
- History of drug dependence is classified by "type of drug, in remission." This is an exception to coding drug dependence with remission

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## **Example**

- If the provider documents history of cocaine dependence, assign code F14.21, Cocaine dependence, in remission.
- If the provider documents severe cocaine use disorder in remission, assign code F14.21, Cocaine dependence, in remission



### **Example**

- If a provider documents mild cocaine use disorder in remission, assign code F14.11, Cocaine abuse in remission
- If a provider documents tobacco dependence in remission, assign code Z87.891, Personal history of nicotine dependence

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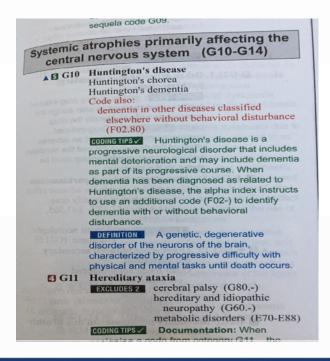


## **Coding Clinic Update**

- Dementia is an inherent part of Alzheimer's disease; therefore, the provider does not need to separately document it.
- Assign code G30.9, Alzheimer's disease, unspecified, followed by code F02.80, Dementia in other diseases classified elsewhere, without behavioral disturbance.



### 2018 Tabular Update



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## **Chapter 7 Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa**

- 55 new codes:
- 20 of the 55 further specify the type of degenerative myopia
- 9 of the 55 further specify blindness in both eyes. The inclusion note under H54.0 was developed into distinct codes identifying the category of visual impairment and laterality



### **2018 Guideline Update**

- If "blindness" or "low vision" of both eyes is documented but the visual impairment category is not documented, assign code H54.3, Unqualified visual loss, both eyes.
- If "blindness" or "low vision" in one eye is documented but the visual impairment category is not documented, assign a code from H54.6- Unqualified visual loss, one eye.
- If "blindness" or "visual loss" is documented without any information about whether one or both eyes are affected, assign code H54.7 Unspecified visual loss.

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Category of visual mpairment	Visual acuity with best possible correction		Decision
	Maximum less than:	Minimum equal to or better than:	2
3	6/18 3/10(0.3) 20/70	6/60 1/10(0.1) 20/200 3/60 1/20(0.05) 20/400 1/60(finger counting at one meter) 1/50(0.02) 5/300(20/1200) Light perception	
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	1/60(finger counting at one meter) 1/50(0.02) 5/300		
	No light perception		
9	Undetermined or unspecified	low a corpus	
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## **Chapter 9 Diseases of the Circulatory System**

- 7 new pulmonary hypertension codes
- Current code:
  - 127.0 Primary pulmonary hypertension

Note: is not a case mix code

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## **Chapter 9 Diseases of the Circulatory System**

- New codes:
- I27.20 Pulmonary hypertension, unspecified
- I27.21 Secondary pulmonary arterial hypertension
- 127.22 Pulmonary hypertension due to left heart disease
- I27.23 Pulmonary hypertension due to lung diseases and hypoxia
- 127.24 Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension
- I27.29 Other secondary pulmonary hypertension
- I27.83 Eisenmenger's syndrome

## Myocardial Infarction (I21 – I22)



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#### **STEMI vs non-STEMI**

- NSTEMI account for about 30% and STEMI about 70% of all myocardial infarction.
- NSTEMI occurs by developing a complete occlusion of a minor coronary artery or a partial occlusion of a major coronary artery previously affected by atherosclerosis. This causes a partial thickness myocardial infarction (partial thickness damage of heart muscle).
- STEMI occurs by developing a complete occlusion of a major coronary artery previously affected by atherosclerosis. This causes a transmural myocardial infarction (full thickness damage of heart muscle).



## **MI Types**

- Transmural MI is characterized by ischemic necrosis of the full thickness of the affected muscle segment(s), extending from the endocardium through the myocardium to the epicardium
- Nontransmural MI is defined as an area of ischemic necrosis that does not extend through the full thickness of myocardial wall segment(s).

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## 2018 MI Sub-Types

- Type 1 MI related to ischemia from a primary coronary event (e.g., plaque rupture, thrombotic occlusion)
- Type 2 MI secondary to ischemia from a supply-anddemand mismatch
- Type 3 MI resulting in sudden cardiac death
- Type 4a MI associated with percutaneous coronary intervention
- Type 4b MI associated with in-stent thrombosis
- Type 5 MI associated with coronary artery bypass surgery



#### 2018 Code Change

- I21.0 through I21.3 Type 1 STEMI
- I21.4 Type 1 Non-STEMI
- 121.9 NOS
- I21.A1 Type 2
- I21.A9 Other (Type 3,4,5)

Note: I21.3 ST elevation (STEMI) myocardial infarction is the default for an acute **type 1** MI if site is unspecified

Note: I21.9 is the default for an acute MI NOS

Note: Per coding clinic: Type 2 is coded as a non-STEMI unless the

physician documents otherwise

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### 2018 Guideline Update

- Initial MI coded as acute for 4 weeks (28 days)
- Post 4 week time frame and still receiving care related to the MI, the appropriate aftercare code should be used (Z51.89, Encounter for other specified aftercare)
- Any subsequent type 1 or unspecified MI within the same 4 weeks is coded to I22
- Sequencing is dependent on the circumstances of the encounter



### **2018 Guideline Update**

- Do not assign code I22 for subsequent myocardial infarctions other than type 1 or unspecified
- For subsequent type 2 AMI assign only code I21.A1
- For subsequent type 4 or type 5 AMI, assign only code I21.A9

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## **Example**

- Patient admitted to home health with diagnoses of a type 2 AMI which occurred twelve days ago and a subsequent AMI occurring nine days ago due to demand ischemia secondary to his COPD.
- M1021: I21.A1 Myocardial infarction type 2
- M1023: J44.9 COPD

### **MI Complication**

- I23 Certain complications following ST elevation (STEMI) and non-ST elevation (NSTEMI) myocardial infarction (within the 28 day period)
- A code from category I23 must be used in conjunction with a code from category I21 (initial) or I22 (subsequent)
- Use of codes from category I23 are not appropriate after the 4 week period has lapsed

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## **Coding Clinic Update**

- If the complication occurs outside of the 4 week window, the I23 category indicates the patient had a previous MI; therefore, an additional code is not assigned for the previous NSTEMI
- The term "within the 28-day period" is a nonessential modifier at category I23, Certain current complications following ST elevation (STEMI) and non-ST elevation (NSTEMI) myocardial infarction, that may be present or absent in the statement of the disease, and does not affect code assignment.



Subsequent acute myocardial infarction of unspecified site Subsequent myocardial infarction (acute) CODING TIPS This code is used for the subsequent MI when the physician has not documented the location of the infarct, regardless whether it is documented as a Certain current complications following ST 4 I23 elevation (STEMI) and non-ST elevation (NSTEMI) myocardial infarction (within the 28 day period) CODING TIPS When assigning a code from category I23.-, the coder must also assign a code from category I21.- or I22.-, as appropriate, which may only be assigned for the 4 week period following the initial or subsequent STEMI or STEMI. Use of codes from category I23.- is not appropriate after the 4 week period has lapsed. Hemopericardium as current 123.0 complication following acute myocardial infarction EXCLUDES 1 hemopericardium not specified as current complication following

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#### **Example**

 A patient is admitted to home health with a non-ST elevation MI that occurred 32 days ago and is now diagnosed with post-infarction angina. The patient has long standing atherosclerotic coronary artery disease.

acute myocardial infarction (I31.2)



#### **Answer**

- M1021: I23.7 Post-infarction angina
- M1023: I25.118 Atherosclerotic heart disease of native coronary artery with other forms of angina pectoris

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#### **Heart Failure**



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#### **Heart Failure**

- I50.1 Left ventricular failure
- I50.2- Systolic (congestive)heart failure
- 150.3- Diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- I50.4- Combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- 150.9 Heart failure, unspecified

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## 2018 Code Update

- I50.81 Right heart failure
- I50.82 Biventricular heart failure
- I50.83 High output heart failure
- 150.84 End stage heart failure
- 150.89 Other heart failure
- Note: Code also the type of heart failure, if known



### **Example**

- Patient admitted with end stage CHF with chronic systolic and diastolic heart failure. The patient has comorbid conditions of HTN and emphysema.
- M1021: I11.0 Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure
- M1023: I50.84 End stage heart failure
- M1023: I50.42 Chronic combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- M1023: J43.9 Emphysema unspecified

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## **Coding Clinic Update**

- Question:
- Is it appropriate to assign code I50.9, Heart failure, unspecified, when the physician documents stage A heart failure?



#### **Answer**

- No, it is not appropriate to assign code I50.9, Heart failure, unspecified, as the patient does not have heart failure.
- The American Heart Association defines stage A heart failure as the presence of heart failure risk factors but no heart disease and no symptoms.

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#### **Answer Continued**

- Assign code Z91.89, Other specified personal risk factors, not elsewhere classified, for the increased risk.
- Although the patient is at risk for heart failure, he currently does not have the disease.



#### **Coding Clinic Update**

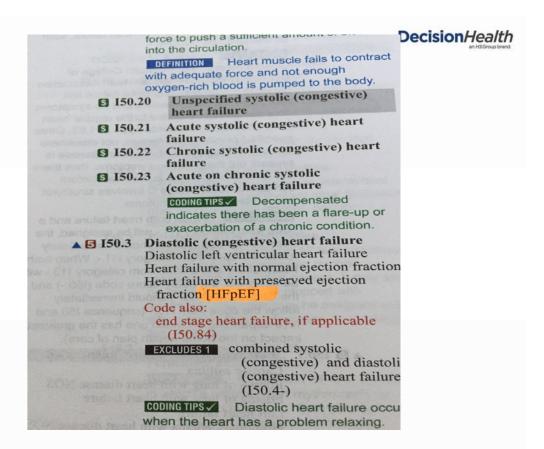
- (HFpEF) may also be referred to as heart failure with preserved systolic function, and this condition may also be referred to as diastolic heart failure
- (HFrEF) may also be called heart failure with low ejection fraction, or heart failure with reduced systolic function, or other similar terms meaning systolic heart failure.

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### **Coding Clinic Update**

- These terms (HFpEF) and (HFrEF) are more contemporary terms that are being more frequently used, and can be further described as acute or chronic
- Therefore when the provider has documented (HFpEF), (HFrEF), or other similar terms noted above, the coder may interpret these as "diastolic heart failure" or "systolic heart failure" respectively, or a combination of both if indicated and assign the appropriate ICD-10-CM codes





#### **Example**

 Patient admitted to home health with chronic CHF, emphysema, HTN, DM and neuropathy. The cardiologist's H&P includes the term HFpEF. The focus of care is the chronic heart failure.



#### **Answer**

- M1021: I11.0 Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure
- M1023: I50.32 Chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure
- M1023: J43.9 Emphysema
- M1023: E11.40 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy, unspecified

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## Chapter 10 COPD

- Generic term that represents any form of unspecified chronic obstructive lung disease
- Irreversible airway obstruction
- Comprised primarily of three related conditions
  - Chronic bronchitis
  - Chronic asthma
  - Emphysema



#### Emphysema J43

- J43.0 Unilateral pulmonary emphysema
- J43.1 Panlobular emphysema
- J43.2 Centrilobular emphysema
- J43.8 Other emphysema
- J43.9 Emphysema unspecified

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#### COPD J44

- J44.0 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute lower respiratory infection
- J44.1 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with (acute) exacerbation
- J44.9 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease unspecified



## **COPD and Emphysema Prior to October 1, 2017**

```
lumbosacral region M53.87
lung J98.4
black J60
congenital Q33.9
cystic J98.4
congenital B66.4
oriental B66.4
in amyloidosis E85.4 [J99]
sarcoidosis D86.0
Sjögren's syndrome M35.02
systemic
lupus erythematosus M32.13
sclerosis M34.81
interstitial J84.9
of childhood, specified NEC J84.848
respiratory bronchiolitis J84.15
specified NEC J84.89
obstructive (chronic) J44.0
alveolitis, allergic J67.9
suthmu J44.9
bronchietasis J47.9
with
exacerbation (acute) J47.1
lower respiratory infection J47.0
bronchitis J44.9
with
exacerbation (acute) J44.1
lower respiratory infection J44.0
alveolitis J44.9
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exacerbation (acute) J44.1
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lower respiratory infection J44.0
alveolitis J44.9
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exacerbation (acute) J44.1
lower respiratory infection J44.0
alveolitis J44.9
hypersensitivity pneumonitis J67.9
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## COPD and Emphysema After October 1, 2017

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Ludwig's (submaxillary cellulitis) K12.2
lumbosacral region M53.87
    (leptospiral
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black J60

congenital Q33.9

cystic J98.4

congenital Q33.0

fibroid (chronic) — structure and particular discounting the structure and particul
  piral jaundice) A27.0
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sarcoidosis D86.0
Sjögren's syndrome M35.02
systemic
lupus erythematosus M32.13
sclerosis M34.81
interstitial J84.9
of childhood, specified NEC J84.848
respiratory bronchiolitis J84.115
specified NEC J84.89
with
acute
  plete heart block) I44.2
ia) G31.83 [F02.80]
sturbance G31.83
te combined sclerosis
s anemia) D51.0
ubular acidosis) N25.89
E72.04
nic) K76.9
:) K70.9
sease, liver, alcoholic,
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       acute
bronchitis J44.0
exacerbation NEC J44.1
lower respiratory infection J44.0
alveolitis, allergic J67.9
asthma J44.9
bronchiectasis J47.9
with
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exacerbation (acute) J47.1
lower respiratory infection J47.0
bronchitis J44.9
with
exacerbation (acute) J44.1
lower respiratory infection J44.0
emphysema J43.9
hypersensitivity pneumonitis J67.9
decompensated J44.1
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  Q44.6
osyncratic) (toxic)
(unpredictable) — see
r, toxic
  see Hepatitis
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#### What Does That Mean?

- Effective October 1, 2017:
- If COPD is documented and emphysema is documented. J43.9 should be coded
- Prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017:
- J44.9 should be coded

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- Patient admitted with emphysema and COPD. He was a long time smoker but quit 1 year ago. Continuous O2 is ordered via nasal cannula.
- M1021: J43.9 Emphysema unspecified
- M1023: Z99.81 Dependence on supplemental oxygen
- M1023: Z87.891 History of tobacco use



#### **Example**

- Patient admitted with emphysema and chronic bronchitis. He was a long time smoker but quit 1 year ago. Continuous O2 is ordered via nasal cannula.
- M1021: J44.9 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease unspecified
- M1023: Z99.81 Dependence on supplemental oxygen
- M1023: Z87.891 History of tobacco use

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- Patient admitted for chronic diastolic heart failure. He also has COPD and continuous O2 is ordered via nasal cannula.
- M1021: I50.32 Chronic diastolic heart failure
- M1023: J44.9 COPD
- M1023: Z99.81 Dependence on supplemental oxygen



#### **Example**

- Patient admitted with decompensating COPD. He is a long time cigarette smoker and continues to smoke.
   He is on continuous O2 via nasal cannula.
- M1021: J44.1 COPD with exacerbation
- M1023: Z99.81 Dependence on supplemental oxygen
- M1023: F17.210 Dependence on cigarettes

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- Patient admitted with emphysema. He was a long time smoker but quit 1 year ago. Continuous O2 is ordered via nasal cannula.
- M1021: J43.9 Emphysema unspecified
- M1023: Z99.81 Dependence on supplemental oxygen
- M1023: Z87.891 History of tobacco use



## 2018 Code Update J44.0

- Tabular instruction:
- Effective October 1, 2017:
- J44.0 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute lower respiratory infection
- Code also to identify the infection
- Prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017:
- Use additional code to identify the infection

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- Patient admitted for exacerbated COPD with pneumonia due to staphylococcus and emphysema.
   He is a long time cigarette smoker and continues to smoke. He is on continuous O2 via nasal cannula. The focus of care is the pneumonia.
- M1021: J15.20 Pneumonia due to staphylococcus
- M1023: J43.9 Emphysema
- M1023: Z99.81 Dependence on supplemental O2
- M1023: F17.210 Dependence on cigarettes



### **Coding Clinic Update**

- Acute bronchitis and pneumonia may be included as a lower respiratory infection with COPD
- Influenza involves both an upper and lower respiratory infection and does not meet criteria to be assigned as a lower respiratory infection with COPD

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### **Coding Clinic Update**

- J44.0 and a secondary diagnosis of pneumonia does not apply to all pneumonias
- Aspiration pneumonia (J69.0) is an inflammation of the lungs caused by the inhalation of solid and/or liquid matter
- Ventilator associated pneumonia (J95.851) is an intraoperative and postprocedural complication
- Neither diagnosis falls in the "respiratory infection" category of codes



## Chapter 12 Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue

- 72 new codes:
- All 72 further specify the severity of a non-pressure chronic ulcer of the lower extremity

Note: Current codes, other than unspecified are case mix codes

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## **Chapter 12 Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue**

- New Code Examples:
- L97.325 Non-pressure chronic ulcer of left ankle with muscle involvement without evidence of necrosis
- L97.326 Non-pressure chronic ulcer of left ankle with bone involvement without evidence of necrosis
- L97.328 Non-pressure chronic ulcer of left ankle with other specified severity



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- New Code Examples:
- L98.415 Non-pressure chronic ulcer of buttock with muscle involvement without evidence of necrosis
- L98.416 Non-pressure chronic ulcer of buttock with bone involvement without evidence of necrosis
- L98.418 Non-pressure chronic ulcer of buttock with other specified severity

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### **Example**

 Patient was referred to home care for wound care to two stasis ulcers due to chronic venous hypertension.
 The ulcer on her left calf has muscle involvement with necrosis. The ulcer on her right calf has muscle involvement without necrosis.



#### **Answer**

- M1021: I87.312 Chronic venous HTN with ulcer of left LE
- M1023: L97.223 Non-pressure ulcer of left calf with necrosis of muscle
- M1023: L97.225 Non-pressure chronic ulcer of left calf with muscle involvement without evidence of necrosis

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## **2018 Guideline Update Non-Pressure Ulcer**

- No code is assigned if the documentation states that the non-pressure ulcer is completely healed
- Non-pressure ulcers described as heling should be assigned the appropriate code based on the documentation in the medical record.
- If the documentation does not provide information about the severity of the healing non-non pressure ulcer, assign the appropriate code for unspecified severity



## **2018 Guideline Update Non-Pressure Ulcer**

- If the documentation is unclear as to whether the patient has a current (new) non-pressure ulcer or if the patient is being treated for a healing non-pressure ulcer, query the provider
- For ulcers that were present on admission but healed at the time of discharge, assign the code for the site and severity of the non-pressure ulcer at the time of admission

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