

Top Unacceptable Diagnosis Codes

| ICD-10-CM Code | Before PDGM: Description | After PDGM: Code for Primary Cause |
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| M62.81 | Muscle Weakness (generalized) | Specify etiology of weakness, such as musculoskeletal disorder, stroke, brain injury, etc. |
| R53.1 | Weakness | Specify etiology of weakness, such as musculoskeletal disorder, stroke, brain injury, etc. |
| R29.6 | Repeated Falls | Code the disease process or complication causing falls instead |
| M19.90 | Unspecified osteoarthritis, unspecified site | Code for specified site of osteoarthritis instead |
| R26.89 | Other abnormalities of gait and mobility | Code for underlying cause of abnormality rather than this symptom code |
| R13.10 | Dysphagia, unspecified | Code for underlying cause of dysphagia instead |
| R53.81 | Other malaise | Code for underlying cause of malaise instead |
| G62.9 | Polyneuropathy, unspecified | Code for specific site(s) of polyneuropathy instead |
| C34.90 | Malignant neoplasm of unspecified part of unspecified bronchus | Code for specific site of malignant neoplasm instead |
| R26.81 | Unsteadiness on feet | Code for underlying cause of difficulty unsteadiness rather than this symptom code |
| R33.9 | Retention of urine, unspecified | Code for underlying cause of urine retention instead |
| R00.1 | Bradycardia unspecified | Specify etiology of underlying cause of bradycardia |
| R13.1 | Dysphagia codes including unspecified and those which describe phases of dysphagia | Code underlying disease, such as Sequela of Cerebrovascular Disease rather than this symptom code |
| R26.0 | Ataxic gait | Code underlying cause of ataxia rather than this symptom code |
| R25.1 | Paralytic gait | Code underlying cause of paralytic gait rather than this symptom code |
| R26.2 | Difficulty walking, not elsewhere classified | Code underlying cause of difficulty walking rather than this symptom code |
| Z48.89 | Encounter for other specified surgical aftercare | Query to ensure aftercare versus a complication, such as infection, abscess or dehiscence and use complication code instead if applicable |
| R56.9 | Unspecified convulsions | Specify etiology of disease process causing convulsions |
| Z91.81 | History of falls | Code the disease process or complication causing falls instead |
| E08. – CODES: Example E08.21 | Diabetes due to underlying condition with diabetic neuropathy | Follow official Coding Guidance: Code first the underlying condition, such as Cushing's Syndrome or Cystic Fibrosis |
| I25.2 | Old myocardial infarction | This includes all MI's with acute onset more than four weeks ago. If patient is still having symptoms, query and use underlying condition code such as coronary artery disease |
| I95.9 | Hypotension unspecified | Specify etiology of underlying cause of hypotension |
| Codes Ending in "9" | Multiple codes are excluded that end with the character "9." These codes indicate unspecified sites or unspecified diseases | Specify etiology of specific disease information. Remember, visiting clinicians can determine the site of the issue (L or R) and verify information with the provider. All diagnosis information must be supported by provider or facility documentation |
| C34.10 | Malignant neoplasm of upper lobe, unspecified bronchus or lung | Review clinician documentation to locate which lung is affected and/or query provider to confirm location |
| C34.30 | Malignant neoplasm of lower lobe, unspecified bronchus or lung | Review clinician documentation to locate which lung is affected and/or query provider to confirm location |
| C56.9 | Malignant neoplasm of unspecified ovary | Review clinician documentation to locate which ovary is affected and/or query provider to confirm location |
| C65.9 | Malignant neoplasm of unspecified renal pelvis | Review clinician documentation to locate which renal pelvis is affected and/or query provider to confirm location |
| G03.9 | Meningitis unspecified | Specify etiology of type of meningitis |
| I69.30 | Unspecified sequelae of cerebral infarction | Specify etiology of types and locations of sequela(e) and/or query provider to confirm findings or types |
| I70.239 | Atherosclerosis of native arteries of right leg with ulceration of unspecified site | Specify etiology of location on leg and/or query provider for location of ulceration(s) |
| I70.249 | Atherosclerosis of native arteries of left leg with ulceration of unspecified site | Specify etiology of location on leg and/or query provider for location of ulceration(s) |
| Z51.89 | Encounter for other specified aftercare | Code the condition for which rehabilitation services are ordered or provided. |