

Diabetes

Risk Adjustment Coding Guide

Diabetes should be documented with:

TYPE

Type 1, type 2, drug induced, other specified type

COMPLICATION

See chart attached for common complications

SEVERITY and LATERALITY of complication (when applicable)

Ulcers – specify severity and location

CKD- specify stage

Retinopathy – specify

- Laterality
- Severity (mild/moderate/severe)
- Proliferative/nonproliferative
- With/without macular edema

You should document and code as many diabetic codes as are relevant to the patient’s situation.

Complications can easily be attributed to diabetes with linking words such as:

- Diabetic (“diabetic neuropathy”)
- Due to (“neuropathy due to diabetes”)
- Secondary (“neuropathy secondary to diabetes”)
- With (“diabetes with neuropathy”)

“Uncontrolled diabetes” is a common clinical term that does not correspond to a complication code.

Please indicate hyper- or hypoglycemia. Diabetes with hyperglycemia can also be indicated with:

- poorly controlled
- inadequately controlled
- out of control

Method of control, such as insulin, non-insulin injectables, or oral hypoglycemics, should also be documented and coded.

Does your documentation have MEAT? (Monitor, Evaluate, Assess, Treat)

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Common Diabetic Complications

(Type 2 diabetes codes used for reference)

Bolded complications are presumed to be linked to diabetes- when both are present, use combination code. If diabetes contributed in any way to the complication, use a combination code.

Diabetes with:	DX Code (Type 2):	Notes:
Amyotrophy	E11.44	
Arthropathy, Other	E11.618	
Autonomic (poly)neuropathy	E11.43	
Cataract	E11.36	
Circulatory Complications, Other	E11.59	Specify and code complication
CKD	E11.22	Specify and code CKD stage
Dermatitis	E11.620	
Foot Ulcer	E11.621	Specify and code stage, laterality
Gastroparesis	E11.43	
Hyperglycemia	E11.65	
Hypoglycemia, w/o Coma	E11.649	
Hypoglycemia, with Coma	E11.641	
Kidney Complication, Other	E11.29	Specify and code complication
Mononeuropathy	E11.41	
Nephropathy	E11.21	
Neurological Complication, Other	E11.49	Specify and code complication
Neuropathic Arthropathy (Charcôt's joints)	E11.610	
Neuropathy	E11.40	
Ophthalmic Complication, Other	E11.39	Specify and code complication
Oral Complications, Other	E11.638	Specify and code complication
Periodontal Disease	E11.630	
Peripheral Angiopathy (w/o gangrene)	E11.51	
Peripheral Angiopathy (with gangrene)	E11.52	
Polyneuropathy	E11.42	
Retinopathy	E11.3XX	
Skin Complications, Other	E11.628	Specify and code complication
Skin Ulcer, Other	E11.622	Specify and code complication
Specified Complication	E11.69	Specify and code complication

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