

New ICD10 Medical Diagnosis Codes for Fluoroquinolones Effective October 1, 2025

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd-10-cm/files.html>

New subcategory:

T36.AX – Poisoning by, adverse effect of, and underdosing of fluoroquinolones antibiotics

New codes:

T36.AX1 – Poisoning by fluoroquinolones antibiotics, accidental (unintentional)

T36.AX2 – Poisoning by fluoroquinolones antibiotics, intentional self-harm

T36.AX3 – Poisoning by fluoroquinolones antibiotics, assault

T36.AX4 – Poisoning by fluoroquinolones antibiotics, undetermined

T36.AX5 – Adverse effect of fluoroquinolones antibiotics

T36.AX6 – Underdosing of fluoroquinolones antibiotics

A – Initial encounter

D – Subsequent encounter

S – Sequela (long-term effects)

FDA Safety & Black Box Warnings:

FDA Safety Announcement December 2018:

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-warns-about-increased-risk-ruptures-or-tears-aorta-blood-vessel-fluoroquinolone-antibiotics>

FDA Safety Announcement July 2018:

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-reinforces-safety-information-about-serious-low-blood-sugar-levels-and-mental-health-side>

FDA Black Box Warning Added July 2016:

These medicines are associated with disabling and potentially permanent side effects of the tendons, muscles, joints, nerves, and central nervous system that can occur together in the same patient.

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-drug-safety-communication-fda-updates-warnings-oral-and-injectable-fluoroquinolone-antibiotics>

FDA Drug Safety Communication May 2016:

Limits use for acute bacterial sinusitis, acute bacterial exacerbation of chronic bronchitis and uncomplicated urinary tract infections.

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-drug-safety-communication-fda-advises-restricting-fluoroquinolone-antibiotic-use-certain>

FDA Safety Announcement August 2013:

<https://wayback.archive-it.org/7993/20170112031629/http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm365050.htm>

FDA Black Box Warning 2008:

<https://wayback.archive-it.org/7993/20170112032310/http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/ucm126085.htm>

Fluoroquinolone Toxicity Study, a non-profit foundation: <https://fq100.org/>