

Atherosclerosis of the Native Arteries of Extremities

with complications

Tips for V28 Risk Adjustment Coding Success

HCC Insights

The following diagnoses do not risk adjust in the new V28 HCC model.

- Peripheral vascular disease, unspecified [I73.9]
- Unspecified atherosclerosis of the native arteries of extremities [I70.20_]
- Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities with intermittent claudication [I70.21_]

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To maximize risk adjustment [HCC] coding success in the new v28 model, patients with any of the above diagnoses should be further evaluated to rule out...

- Atherosclerosis of the native arteries of the extremities **with rest pain, ulcers, or gangrene** [I70.221 - I70.268]

Documentation Tips for Capturing Atherosclerosis of the Native Arteries of Extremities with...

Rest Pain

Ensure to specify "with rest pain". Include additional details such as onset, laterality, pain level, frequency, comorbidities, and any accompanying symptoms such as numbness, burning, tingling, aching, swelling, redness, or cold feet. Reference any diagnostic tests or consults reviewed for supporting clinical evidence (arterial ultrasound, vascular consult, etc), and include a treatment plan.

Ulcers

Ensure to specify "with ulcer". Include additional details such as onset, laterality, site, severity, chronicity, pain level, comorbidities, and any accompanying symptoms. Reference any diagnostic tests or consults reviewed for supporting clinical evidence (arterial ultrasound, vascular consult, etc), and include a treatment plan.

*Code separately and in addition for each ulcer: L97.__ series

Gangrene

Ensure to specify "with gangrene". Include additional details such as onset, laterality, site, severity, chronicity, pain level, comorbidities, and any accompanying symptoms. Reference any diagnostic tests or consults reviewed for supporting clinical evidence (arterial ultrasound, vascular consult, etc), and include a treatment plan.

Diagnosis Codes for Atherosclerosis of the Native Arteries of Extremities with

REST PAIN

- I70.221 right leg
- I70.222 left leg
- I70.223 bilateral
- I70.228 other extremity

ULCER

- I70.231-I70.238 right leg
- I70.241-I70.248 left leg
- I70.25 other extremities

*Code separately and in addition for ulcer: J[L97.__]

GANGRENE

- I70.261 right leg
- I70.262 left leg
- I70.263 bilateral
- I70.268 other extremity

DO NOT CODE

- Atherosclerosis of the native arteries of the extremities with rest pain, ulcers, or gangrene [I70.221 - I70.268]

WITH

- Peripheral vascular disease, unspecified [I73.9]

For Atherosclerosis of bypass graft(s) of the extremities, use [I70.721 - I70.768]

For Atherosclerosis of autologous vein bypass graft(s) of the extremities, use [I70.401-I70.429]