

Outpatient Emergency Medicine Quick Reference Guide

Objective: Ensure your ICD-10 success by documenting at the required level on future orders. Limit the use of unspecified diagnosis codes; drive for specificity when anatomy, etiology, or severity is known.

ICD-9 Codes Produced from Order	ICD-10 Code Equivalents of ICD-9 Codes	Requirements for ICD-10 Success
	Not Specific	Specific
780.6: Fever, unspecified	R50.9: Fever, unspecified	Type of Fever: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug induced • Due to... • Heat induced • Hemorrhagic • Other
388.70: Otolgia, unspecified	H92.09: Otolgia, unspecified ear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laterality of ear pain
789.00: Abdominal pain, unspecified	R10.9: Abdominal pain, unspecified	Site of Abdominal Pain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RUQ • RLQ • LUQ • LLQ • Generalized • Rebound • Severe with abdominal rigidity • Tenderness • Epigastric

General Emergency Documentation Necessity:

- Laterality of pain/injury/disorder
- Specifics of head injuries (with LOC, concussion)
- Specific site of sprain, strain, contusion, or other injury
- Type of Anemia

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Specific ICD-10-CM Codes	
Code	Definition
Fever	
R50.2	Drug induced fever
R50.81	Fever presenting with conditions classified elsewhere
R50.82	Postprocedural fever
R50.83	Post-vaccination fever
R50.84	Post-transfusion fever
T67.0XXA	Heatstroke and sunstroke, initial encounter
T67.0XXD	Heatstroke and sunstroke, subsequent encounter
T67.0XXS	Heatstroke and sunstroke, sequela
(A90-A99)	Arthropod-borne viral fevers and viral hemorrhagic fevers
Otalgia	
H92.02	Otalgia, left ear
H92.01	Otalgia, right ear
H92.03	Otalgia, bilateral
Abdominal Pain	
R10.11	Right upper quadrant pain
R10.31	Right lower quadrant pain
R10.12	Left upper quadrant pain
R10.32	Left lower quadrant pain
R10.84	Generalized abdominal pain
R10.33	Periumbilical pain
R10.826	Epigastric rebound abdominal tenderness
R10.827	Generalized rebound abdominal tenderness
R10.824	Left lower quadrant rebound abdominal tenderness
R10.823	Right lower quadrant rebound abdominal tenderness
R10.822	Left upper quadrant rebound abdominal tenderness
R10.821	Right upper quadrant rebound abdominal tenderness
R10.825	Periumbilic rebound abdominal tenderness
R10.0	Acute abdomen
R10.816	Epigastric abdominal tenderness
R10.817	Generalized abdominal tenderness
R10.814	Left lower quadrant abdominal tenderness
R10.813	Right lower quadrant abdominal tenderness
R10.812	Left upper quadrant abdominal tenderness
R10.811	Right upper quadrant abdominal tenderness
R10.812	Left upper quadrant abdominal tenderness
R10.815	Periumbilic abdominal tenderness

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