

One Vaccine Code Fits All in ICD-10-CM?

Have you ever thought it has been a time-consuming event to collect the ICD-9-CM diagnoses V03-V06 *Need for vaccination and inoculation*, AND the CPT substrates 90476-90749 Vaccination Products, AND enter it into your Service specific immunization tracking system? This time-consuming event has not gone unrecognized as being problematic and inefficient.

As of 1 October 2015 with the transition to ICD-10, there is just one diagnosis code – Z23 *Encounter for immunization*. ICD-10 recognizes that the type of vaccine you report with a CPT code gives sufficient detail about the type of immunization the patient needed. Rather than having you provide individual diagnosis codes for each vaccine, ICD-10 allows you to report code Z23 for an encounter involving immunization regardless of the type or number of vaccines. This is especially advantageous when reporting multiple childhood or deployment/readiness immunizations.

The CPT procedure codes will identify the type of immunization, but you will still need to enter the data into your Service immunization tracking system.

Encounter for Immunization? → Z23

Bottom line: Your Service immunization tracking system has the best data regarding the vaccination status of your patients. In ICD-10-CM there is only one code for any type of vaccination, and it is only used once per encounter no matter how many vaccinations are given – Z23 Encounter for immunization.

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