The ICD-10 Competency Assessment for Coders: ICD-10-CM


1. According to the introduction to the ICD-10-CM Table of Neoplasms, what is required for codes listed with a dash after them?

2. Which Excludes note appears in the ICD-10-CM Tabular List of Diseases and Injuries at code D63.0, Anemia in neoplastic disease?

3. Which Excludes note applies to all codes in ICD-10-CM Chapter 5, Mental and Behavioral Disorders?

4. Which disease is classified as “with early onset” and “with late onset” in Chapter 6, Diseases of the Nervous System?

5. Assign the appropriate code(s) for hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease, with acute on chronic combined systolic congestive and diastolic congestive heart failure, and stage 4 chronic kidney disease.

6. A 21-year-old soldier was transferred to a rehabilitation hospital for multiple therapies. He lost both his legs when he stepped on an improvised explosive device while on patrol in Afghanistan. Assign the appropriate ICD-10-CM Chapter 20 codes for this case.

7. A 44-year-old man arrives at the emergency department by ambulance with first and second-degree burns. He was cooking at a restaurant where he works when a grease fire occurred in the kitchen. Assign the appropriate ICD-10-CM Chapter 20 codes for this case.
8. When provider documentation refers to use, abuse, and dependence of the same substance (e.g., alcohol, opioid, cannabis), only one code should be assigned to identify the pattern of use based on the following hierarchy. List this hierarchy.

9. Provide the complete code numbers and descriptions for all of the Barrett’s esophagus ICD-10-CM codes.

10. No personal history code in the ICD-10-CM Tabular List of Diseases and Injuries, Chapter 21, specifically lists which of the following in its code description?
   a. Hypospadias
   b. Drug dependence
   c. Healed traumatic fracture
   d. Diabetic foot ulcer
ANSWERS

1. Fifth character for laterality

Refer to the following note at the beginning of the ICD-10-CM Table of Neoplasms:

Codes listed with a dash -, following the code have a required 5th character for laterality. The tabular list must be reviewed for the complete code.

2. Excludes1

anemia due to antineoplastic chemotherapy (D64.81)

aplastic anemia due to antineoplastic chemotherapy (D61.1)

3. Excludes2: symptoms, signs, and abnormal clinical laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00–R99)

4. Alzheimer’s disease is classified “with early onset” and “with late onset” in Chapter 6.

5. I13.0, I50.43, N18.4

6. External cause code: Y36.230D, War operations involving explosion of improvised explosive device [IED], military personnel, subsequent encounter

External cause status code: Y99.1, Military activity

7. X12.xxxA, Contact with other hot fluids, initial encounter

Y92.511, Restaurant or café as the place of occurrence of the external cause

Y93.G3, Activity, cooking and baking

Y99.0, Civilian activity done for income or pay
8. If both use and abuse are documented, assign only the code for abuse.
If both abuse and dependence are documented, assign only the code for dependence.
If use, abuse, and dependence are all documented, assign only the code for dependence.
If both use and dependence are documented, assign only the code for dependence.

9. K22.70 Barrett’s esophagus without dysplasia
K22.710 Barrett’s esophagus with low-grade dysplasia
K22.711 Barrett’s esophagus with high-grade dysplasia
K22.719 Barrett’s esophagus with dysplasia, unspecified

10. b. Drug dependence