

Relevant Diagnosis Code Changes for 2025

It's important to keep up with the annual new ICD-10-CM code set.

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Every year, a new ICD-10 Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) code set is released which takes effect on October 1. This year, there are 487 new codes, 28 code deletions, and 38 code revisions reflected in the new ICD-10-CM code set that takes effect on October 1, 2025.¹ There are changes among these that will affect many podiatrists. All practices should be using the new ICD-10-CM code set effective October 1, 2025. Here, some podiatry—pertinent ICD-10-CM changes that take effect October 1, 2025 are shared.

Type 2 Diabetes

The 2021 International Consensus Report defining type 2 diabetes in remission, co authored by the ADA, EASD, Diabetes UK, the Endocrine Society, and others defines type 2 diabetes in remission as, “a return of HbA1c to <6.5% (48mmol/mol) that persists for at least 3 months after stopping glucose lowering pharmacotherapy.”²

When caring for a patient with type 2 diabetes in remission, that diagnosis should be reflected in the ICD-10-CM coding that accompanies the encounter. The ICD-10-CM code stem E11- represents “Type 2 diabetes mellitus.” This code stem requires at least a 4th character to complete the code. Effective October 1, 2025 a new, complete ICD-10-CM code will be:

E11.A Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complications in remission

Shin Ulcers

Non-pressure chronic ulcers of the lower limb are represented by ICD-10-CM codes that begin with the code stem, L97- (Non-pressure chronic ulcer of lower limb, not elsewhere classified). Until October 1, 2025 the only 4th character options for this code stem are:

L97.1- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of thigh

L97.2- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of calf

chronic ulcers of the shin will be represented by L97.2- codes.

Aggressive Fibromatosis

Aggressive fibromatosis, commonly referred to as “desmoid tumor” is an abnormal growth that can develop from muscle connective tissue and aponeuroses. It is non metastasizing but may demonstrate local infiltration into tissue and typically displays a high risk of recurrence following surgical removal.³ This dif-

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L97.3- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of ankle

L97.4- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of heel and midfoot

L97.5- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of other part of foot

L97.8- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of other part of lower leg

L97.9- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of unspecified part of lower leg

With only these options, there has been no coding option to represent a non-pressure chronic ulcer of the shin. This changes on October 1, 2025 with the introduction of a new inclusion term for L97.2-, which is “Non-pressure chronic ulcer of shin.” With this change, non-pressure

fers from typical plantar fibromatosis (Ledderhose Disease) in that plantar fibromatosis is typically confined to the fascia, does not involve muscle, and is not infiltrative in nature. Prior to this new code set, there was a diagnosis code representing desmoid tumor (D48.11), and effective October 1, 2025 “aggressive fibromatosis” will be added as an inclusion term under D48.11.

Multiple Sclerosis

Prior to October 1, 2025, G35 (Multiple sclerosis) was a complete code. Starting October 1, 2025, G35- will no longer be a complete code and will require additional charac-

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ters. This change creates the following new codes:

G35.A Relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis

G35.B- Primary progressive multiple sclerosis

G35.B0 Primary progressive multiple sclerosis, unspecified

G35.B1 Active primary progressive multiple sclerosis

G35.B2 Non-active primary progressive multiple sclerosis

G35.C- Secondary progressive multiple sclerosis

G35.C0 Secondary progressive multiple sclerosis, unspecified

G35.C1 Active secondary progressive multiple sclerosis

G35.C2 Non-active secondary progressive multiple sclerosis

G35.D Multiple sclerosis, unspecified

Adverse Effects of Fluoroquinolones

ICD-10-CM codes that begin with the code stem T36- represent "Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of systemic antibiotics."

of and underdosing of antifungal antibiotics, systemically used

T36.8 Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of other systemic antibiotics

T36.9 Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of unspecified systemic antibiotic

These options do not allow for the specification of these complications caused by fluoroquinolone antibiotics. This shortcoming in the code

it is appropriate to represent certain social determinants of health, such as financial insecurity, in the diagnosis coding that accompanies an encounter. Prior to October 1, 2025, Z59.86 (Financial insecurity) was a complete code. Starting October 1, 2025, Z59.86 will no longer be a complete code and will require additional characters. This change creates the following new codes:

Z59.861 Financial insecurity, difficulty paying for utilities

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set changes on October 1, 2025 with the introduction of these new codes:

T36.A- Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of fluoroquinolone antibiotics

T36.AX- Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of fluoroquinolone antibiotics

Z59.868 Other specified financial insecurity

Z59.869 Financial insecurity, unspecified

These are some of the ICD-10-CM changes that take effect October 1, 2025. All providers should be using the new ICD-10-CM code set as of October 1, 2025. PM

In many cases, it is appropriate to represent certain social determinants of health, such as financial insecurity, in the diagnosis coding that accompanies an encounter.

Until October 1, 2025, the only 4th character options for this code stem are:

T36.0 Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of penicillins

T36.1 Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of cephalosporins and other beta-lactam antibiotics

T36.2 Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of chloramphenicol group

T36.3 Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of macrolides

T36.4 Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of tetracyclines

T36.5 Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of aminoglycosides

T36.6 Poisoning by, adverse effect of and underdosing of rifampicins

T36.7 Poisoning by, adverse effect

T36.AX1 Poisoning by fluoroquinolone antibiotics, accidental (unintentional)

T36.AX2 Poisoning by fluoroquinolone antibiotics, intentional self-harm

T36.AX3 Poisoning by fluoroquinolone antibiotics, assault

T36.AX4 Poisoning by fluoroquinolone antibiotics, undetermined

T36.AX5 Adverse effect of fluoroquinolone antibiotics

T36.AX6 Underdosing of fluoroquinolone antibiotics

Financial Insecurity

Social determinants of health often play a role in patient care. Social determinants of health can also play a role in evaluation and management level selection. In many cases,

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