

Depression

When coding for major depression, it is important to keep a few things in mind. Is the episode single or recurrent? Was the episode mild, moderate or severe? Is the clinical status in partial or full remission? With effective coding, these questions can be answered and the patient will be classified under the specific depression status. It is also very important to screen patients using the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9). Below you will find some examples of proper coding for different types of major depressive disorder:

- Major depressive disorder, single episode
 - F32.0 Major depressive disorder, single episode, mild
 - F32.1 Major depressive disorder, single episode, moderate
 - F32.2 Major depressive disorder, single episode, severe without psychotic features
 - F32.3 Major depressive disorder, single episode, severe with psychotic features
 - F32.4 Major depressive disorder, single episode, in partial remission
 - F32.5 Major depressive disorder, single episode, in full remission
 - F32.8 Other depressive episodes
 - F32.9 Major depressive disorder, single episode, unspecified

- Major depressive disorder, recurrent:
 - F33.0 Major depressive disorder, recurrent, mild
 - F33.1 Major depressive disorder, recurrent, moderate
 - F33.2 Major depressive disorder, recurrent severe without psychotic features
 - F33.3 Major depressive disorder, recurrent, severe with psychotic symptoms
 - F33.40 Major depressive disorder, recurrent, in remission, unspecified
 - F33.41 Major depressive disorder, recurrent, in partial remission
 - F33.42 Major depressive disorder, recurrent, in full remission
 - F33.8 Other recurrent depressive disorders
 - F33.9 Major depressive disorder, recurrent, unspecified