

## Hypertension

Hypertension is a disease that can be linked to many other co morbidities and further complicate patients' health condition. Due to the likelihood of hypertension leading to other health complication, it is important to properly identify the type and severity of hypertension that the patient has. When coding for hypertension, it is also important to document conditions and use appropriate modifiers for illnesses or circumstances that may be causing the hypertension. The following are examples of coding for hypertension:

- Essential (Primary) Hypertension:
  - I10 Essential (primary) hypertension
  
- Hypertensive Heart Disease:
  - I11.0 Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure
  - I11.9 Hypertensive heart disease without heart failure
  - I16 Secondary Hypertensive
  - Additional codes to identify type of heart failure (I50.1 – 150.9) examples:
    - I50.1 Left ventricular heart failure
    - I50.9 Heart failure, unspecified