

Risk Adjustment Coding Corner

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A Look Ahead: New ICD-10 Codes for 2024

Effective October 1, 2023, 526 new codes were added to the 2024 ICD-10 CM code set. The following is an example of one code that has been expanded:

- G20 Parkinson's disease
- G20.A Parkinson's disease without dyskinesia
- G20.A1 | Parkinson's disease without dyskinesia, without mention of fluctuations
- G20.A2 | Parkinson's disease without dyskinesia, with fluctuations
- G20.8 Parkinson's disease with dyskinesia
- G20.81 | Parkinson's disease with dyskinesia, without mention of fluctuations
- 620.82 M Parkinson's disease with dyskinesia, with fluctuations
- G20.c Parkinsonism, unspecified



Documentation: Understanding the Difference Between Wound and Ulcer

It's important to note that while the terms "ulcer" and "wound" are often used interchangeably, they are distinctly different for ICD-10 coding, compliance, and documentation purposes. Accurate coding is supported by detailed documentation.

Wound

- Wounds are acute.
- ICD-10 codes for wounds start with "S."
- Causes include trauma or surgery.
- Documentation should cover:
 - o Location
 - o Any complications, if present

Ulcer

- Ulcers are chronic.
- ICD-10 codes for ulcers usually start with "L," except arterial and stasis ulcers, which begin with "I."
- Commonly due to pressure or other chronic conditions causing skin breakdown.
- Documentation needs:
 - Location
 - Type of ulcer
 - o Stage
 - Additional details, if present, such as gangrene, rest pain, claudication, cellulitis with known organism

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