ICD-10 FOR PAIN PRACTICES

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Implementation Date

- October 1, 2015
  - This date relates to the DOS
  - If DOS on or after 10/1/15, must use ICD-10
  - If DOS before 10/1/15, must use ICD-9
  - Claims with ICD-9 codes will be rejected for DOS on or after 10/1/15

Applicability

- Required of everyone covered by HIPAA
- Applies to government payers
- Applies to commercial payers

Can non-covered entities, which are not covered by HIPAA, such as Workers' Comp and auto insurance companies, choose not to implement ICD-10?

Yes; however, because ICD-9 will no longer be maintained after ICD-10 is implemented, it is in non-covered entities' best interest to use the new coding system. The increased detail in ICD-10 is of significant value to non-covered entities.

Why CMS Wants ICD-10

- CMS says:
  - ICD-9 is 30 years old
  - Not descriptive enough, i.e., no left/right fx
  - Many diagnosis categories are full
  - Other dx codes are in the wrong category
  - Easier to measure outcomes

Acceptance of ICD-10

- Adopted by WHO in 1994
- 2002 published in 42 languages
- 99 countries use it
- UK adopted in 1995; Canada 2001

Major Modifications from ICD-9

- Added laterality (left, right, bilateral)
- Added trimesters to OB codes
- Revised diabetes codes
- Added sections for injuries and external causes of injuries

LCD's and NCD's

- All LCDs will received a new LCD ID
- Each MAC will convert ICD-9 to ICD-10
- CMS will convert ICD-9 to ICD-10 codes in NCD's

Effect on CPT and HCPCS

- No impact on CPT codes
- No impact on HCPCS codes

ICD-9 and ICD-10 Comparisons

Characteristic	ICD-9-CM	ICD-10-CM
Field Length	3 - 5 characters in length	3 - 7 characters in length
Available Codes	Approximately 14,000 codes	Approximately 69,000 available codes
Code Composition (numeric or alpha)	Digit 1 = alpha or numeric Digits 2-5 = numeric	Digit 1 = alpha Digit 2 = numeric Digits 3-7 = alpha or numeric
Available space for new codes	Limited	Flexible
Overall detail embedded within codes	Limited detail in many conditions	Generally more specific (allows description of comorbidities, manifestations, etiology/causation, complications, detailed anatomical location, sequelae, degree of functional impairment, etc
Laterality	Does not identify right vs left	Often identifies right vs. left
Sample Code	813.15, Open fracture of head or radius	S52.122C, Displaced fracture of head of left radius, initial encounter for open fracture type IIIA, IIIB, or IIIC

Reference: CMS ICD-10 Implementation Guide for Small and Medium Practices

Structural Differences between ICD-9 and ICD-10

- ICD-9 codes have 3-5 digits; 10 has 3-7

- ICD-9 has 19 chapters; 10 has 21

- 1st digit in most ICD-9 codes is a number; 1st digit in ICD-10 is always a letter

- ICD-9 has 17 Chapters; 10 has 21

- V & E codes incorporated into main section of ICD-10

CODE STRUCTURE

Category

Etiology, anatomic site, severity

Extension
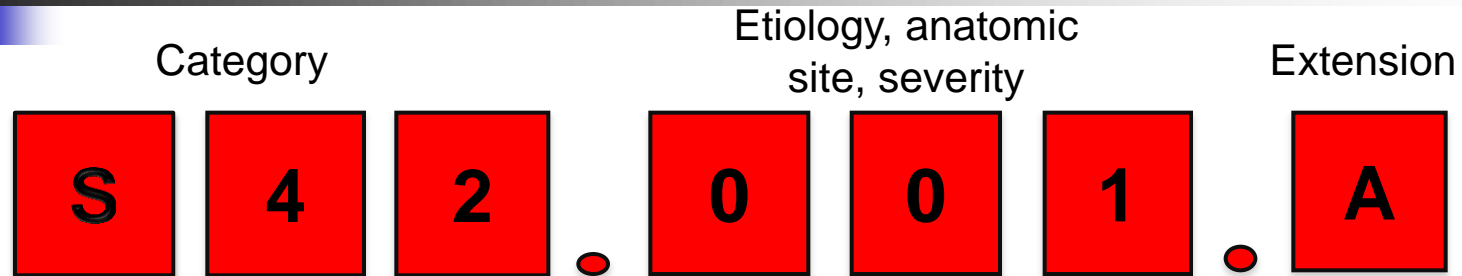
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S42.001.A - Fracture of unspecified part of right clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture

All Categories are 3 characters
   1st character is a letter, 2nd and 3rd characters may be either numbers or alpha characters

4th – 6th Character (alpha or numeric)
   Further defines the site, etiology, and manifestation or state of the disease or condition

7th Character Extension (alpha or numeric)
   Must always be used in the 7th character position

7th Character in ICD-10

- Predominantly found in two chapters:
    - Chapter 19 (Injury, Poisoning & Certain Other Consequences of External Causes)
    - Chapter 15 (Pregnancy, Childbirth and Puerperium)
- **Episode of care**: designates the episode of care as initial, subsequent or sequela for injuries, poisonings and certain other conditions; in some instances it also provides additional information about the diagnosis
- **OB**: used to identify certain complications of pregnancy

Episode of Care-Digit 7

- **INITIAL ENCOUNTER (A)**
  - Defined as the period when a patient is receiving <u>active treatment</u> for an injury, poisoning or other consequences of an external cause.
  - **Example:** Patient seen in ED for an arm injury is 1st evaluated by the ED physician. The ED physician refers the patient to an orthopedic surgeon to repair the fracture. The seventh character, "A" would be used by both the ED physician and the orthopedic surgeon.

- **SUBSEQUENT ENCOUNTER (D)**
  - Defined as an encounter occurring after the active phase of treatment, when patient is receiving routine care during a period of healing or recovery (follow-up care after treatment).
  - **Example:** Patient with an ankle sprain returns to office to be re-evaluated to ensure that the injury is healing properly. The return visit is coded with the D.

- **SEQUELA (S)**
  - Assigned for complications or conditions arising as a direct result of an injury.
  - **Example:** A scar resulting from a burn

"X" and the & 7th Character

- If a code requires a 7th character, but there aren't 7 digits, use the X
- Example: M48.57XA
  - Collapsed vertebra NEC, lumbar initial visit
  - Must add "A" for initial visit as 7th digit
  - "X" is used as 6th digit as a placeholder
  - Instructions will advise if a 7th digit is req.

12-Month Forgiveness Period

- New CMS forgiveness period:
    - For 12 months after ICD-10 implementation, Medicare <u>will not deny</u> claims billed based solely on the ICD-10 code, as long as the physician/practitioner used a valid code from the right code family.

ICD-10 Chapters

- 1 – Infections & Parasitic Diseases
- 2 – Neoplasms
- 3 – Diseases of the Blood
- 4 – Endocrine, Nutritional, Metabolic Diseases
- 5 – Mental, Behavioral, Developmental Disorders
- 6 – Nervous System
- 7 – Eye
- 8 – Ear
- 9 – Circulatory System
- 10 – Respiratory System

ICD-10 Chapters Cont'd

- 11 – Digestive
- 12 – Skin
- 13 – Musculoskeletal
- 14 – Genitourinary
- 15 – Pregnancy/OB
- 16 – Perinatal Period
- 17 – Congenital Malformations
- 18 – Symptoms, Signs, Abnormal Lab
- 19 – Injury & Poisoning & Fx
- 20 – External Causes of Morbidity (cars, boats, guns)
- 21 – Factors Influencing Health Status

Alphabetical Index

- A00-B99: Bacterial, viral, fungi & parasitic diseases
- C00-D49: Neoplasms
- D50-D89: Anemia, spleen, bone marrow, immunodeficiency
- E00-E89: Endocrine, nutritional & metabolic diseases
- F01-F99: Mental, behavioral & neurodevelopmental
- G00-G99: Nervous System **(G89 Pain)**
- H00-H59: Diseases of the eye & adnexa
- H60-H95: Diseases of the ear and mastoid process
- I00-I99: Heart, arteries & vein diseases, rheumatic fever

Alphabetical Index Cont'd

- J00-J99: Respiratory
- K00-K95: Digestive system
- L00-L99: Skin & subcutaneous tissue
- M00-M99: Musculoskeletal & connective tissue
- N00-N99: Kidney, urinary, male, female, reproductive
- O00-O9A: Pregnancy, childbirth & puerperium
- P00-P96: Perinatal period; newborn conditions
- Q00-Q99: Malformations and deformations
- R00-R99: Symptoms, signs & abnormal lab findings

Alphabetical Index Cont'd

- S00-T88: Injury, poisoning & other external causes
- V00-Y99: Causes of death (military, vehicles, suicide, falls, hockey pucks, firearms, machinery, electrocution, overdose)
- Z00-Z99: Encounters: Exams/screenings/health & equipment management/child abuse/counseling. Patient/family history, high risk health status (genetics, social/economic, communicable disease, drug resistance) DNR, blood type, BMI

New Chapters

- E-Codes now listed with Injury/poisoning/external causes
- Immune disorders are now listed with blood disorders
- New Chapters: V-codes are replaced with Ch. 21, ear diseases, eye/adnexa diseases & external causes of morbidity
- New Specific Guidelines: Eye/adnexa diseases and external causes of morbidity

Laterality Instruction

- ICD-10 Official Guidelines
  - Some codes specify laterality
    - Left, right, bilateral
  - If the condition is bilateral, and there is no bilateral code, use both the left and right codes
  - If the side isn't indicated on the medical record, use the unspecified code

Coding Signs & Symptoms

- Signs and symptoms should not be coded when a definitive diagnosis is made

- Code a symptom with a confirmed dx only when the symptom is not associated with the confirmed diagnosis

- If a definitive diagnosis has not been confirmed, code the symptom

Excludes Notes

- Excludes 1
  - Means "Cannot Code Here"; never use a code in Excludes 1 with the principal dx code billed
- Excludes 2
  - Means "Not Included Here," so these codes exist elsewhere in ICD-10, but could be used in combination with principal dx code

Example of Excludes 1 and 2

- G89 – Pain, NEC
  - Excludes 1 – generalized pain NOS (R52), pain due to psychological factors (F45.41)
  - Excludes 2 – back pain (M54.9), joint pain (M25.5), shoulder pain (M25.51), etc.
- Excludes 1 = black rectangle
- Excludes 2 = gray rectangle

Radiculopathy – M54.1

- M54.10 – site unspecified
- M54.11 – occipito-atlanto-axial
- M54.12 – cervical
- M54.13 – cervicothoracic
- M54.14 – thoracic
- M54.15 – throracolumbar
- M54.16 – lumbar
- M54.17 – lumbosacral
- M54.18 – sacral and coccygeal

Radiculopathy Excludes Notes

- Excludes
  - Cervical disc radiculopathy – M50.10-13
  - Lumbar disc radiculopathy – M51.14-17
  - Radiculopathy w/ spondylosis – M47.20-28

Cervical Disc Disorders

- With myelopathy − M50.00-03
- With radiculopathy − M50.10-13
- With disc displacement − M50.20-23
- With disc degeneration − M50.30-33
- Other specified disorders − M50.80-83
- Unspecified disorders − M50.90-93

Thoracic, Lumbar, Sacral Disc Disorders

- With myelopathy – M51.04-06
- With radiculopathy – M51.14-17
- With disc displacement – M51.24-27
- With disc degeneration – M51.34-37
- Other specified disorders – M51.84-87
- Unspecified disorders – M51.9

Cervicalgia and Sciatica

- Cervicalgia – M54.2
- Sciatica
  - Unspecified side - M54.30
  - Right side – M54.31
  - Left side – M54.32
  - Excludes: sciatica due to disc disorder M51.1x
  - Excludes: sciatica w/ lumbago M54.4x
- Lumbago w/ sciatica – 54.40-42

Spondylosis
(Spondylosis = Spinal Arthritis)

- With myelopathy – M47.10-16
- With radiculopathy – M47.20-28
- W/O myelopathy or radiculopathy – M47.811-819
- Other spondylosis – M47.891-899

Spondylolysis & Spondylolisthesis
(Spondylolysis = Defect of Facet Joint, *Pars Interarticularis*)
(Spondylolisthesis = Slipped/Displaced Vertebra)

- # Spondylolysis – M43.00-43.09
  - ## Differing codes for cervical, thoracic, lumbar, etc.
- # Spondylolisthesis – M43.10-19
  - ## Differing codes for cervical, thoracic, lumbar, etc.
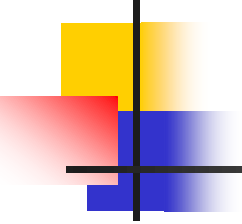
Stenosis

- Spinal stenosis – M48.00-08
  - Multiple codes for different regions of spine
- Subluxation stenosis of neural canal
  - M99.20-29 (separate codes for diff body parts)
- Disc stenosis of neural canal
  - M99.50-59
- Connective tissue stenosis of neural canal
  - M99.40-49

Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (Type I) G90.5xx

- Right upper limb – G90.511
- Left upper limb – G90.512
- Bilateral upper limbs – G90.513
- Unspecified upper limb – G90.519
- Right lower limb – G90.521
- Left lower limb – G90.522
- Bilateral lower limbs – G90.523
- Unspecified lower limb – G90.529

Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (Type II) G56.4x and G57.7x

- Unspecified upper limb – G56.40
- Right upper limb – G56.41
- Left upper limb – G56.42
- Unspecified lower limb – G57.70
- Right lower limb – G57.71
- Left lower limb – G57.72

Fractured Vertebra

- ## M80.88XA
  - Osteoporosis with current pathological fx, vertebra, initial encounter
- ## M80.88XG
  - Osteoporosis with current pathological fx, vertebra, subsequent encounter, delayed healing
- ## 7th character must be added for all M80 dx
  - 7th character designations aren't the same throughout (A,D,S vs A,D,K,G,P,S)

Other Specific Pain Codes

- Causalgia, lower limb – G57.7
- Causalgia, upper limb – G56.4
- Complex regional pain syndrome II lower limb – G57.7
- Complex regional pain syndrome II upper limb – G56.4
- Reflex sympathetic dystrophy – G90.5
- General pain NOS – R52
- Pain due solely to psychological factors – F45.41

Additional Pain Codes

- Atypical face pain – G50.1
- Headache syndromes – G44.
- Abdomen pain – R10.
- Back pain – M54.9
- Headache – R51
- Chest pain – R07.1-R07.9
- Lumbosacral Root Disease – NEC G54.4
- Phantom limb syndrome – G54.6

Additional Pain Codes

- Joint pain – M25.5
- Limb pain M79.6
- Lumbar pain – M54.5
- Pelvic and perineal pain - R10.2
- Spine pain – M54.
- Shoulder pain – M25.51
- Migraines – G43.
- Pain from prosthetics or implants – T82-T85

Pain Specific Rules

- Chapter 6, Diseases of the Nervous System
  - G89 – Pain, Not Elsewhere Classified
    - G89.0 – Central Pain Syndrome
    - G89.1 – Acute Pain, Not Elsewhere Classified
    - G89.2 – Chronic Pain, Not Elsewhere Classified
    - G89.3 – Neoplasm related pain, acute or chronic
    - G89.4 – Chronic pain syndrome

G89 Pain Coding Rules

- Use G89 codes if you are treating the pain itself, not the underlying condition
  - Examples of treating the pain itself:
    - Steroid injection
    - Implanted neurostimulator
  - Code the G89 code first
  - Use secondary code for cause of pain

G89 Coding Rules Cont'd

- Examples of treating underlying condition:
  - Spinal Fusion
  - Kyphoplasty
  - Vertebroplasty
  - You are fixing the reason for the pain
- Code the underlying condition first:
  - Vertebral fx
  - Spinal stenosis

G89 Rules Continued

- If you use G89 code:
  - Must use 2nd code for site of the pain
  - Example: CESI to treat neck pain from trauma
    - G89.11 – Acute pain from trauma
    - M54.2 – Cervicalgia (identifies site of pain)

G89 Rules Cont'd

- If there is a definitive dx, use G89 anyway, if the reason for encounter is pain management

- If there is a definitive dx, and you are treating the underlying condition, don't use G89

- If the pain isn't specified as acute or chronic, post-procedural, or neoplasm, don't use G89

- ICD-10 doesn't define how long "chronic" is; most payers require 3 months

G89

- G89.2-Chronic Pain, NEC
  - G89.21 – Chronic pain due to trauma
  - G89.22 – Chronic post-thoracotomy pain
  - G89.28 – Other chronic post-procedural pain
    - Includes post-operative pain
  - G89.29 – Other chronic pain

Psychological Pain

- Pain is solely psychological F45.41
  - No G89 code
- Pain disorders w/ psychological factors
  - F45.42, and
  - G89xx

Psychoactive Substance Use or Abuse

- Use or abuse alcohol, opioids, illicit drugs
- Associated with a mental or behavioral disorder
- Codes
  - F10.9, F11.9, F13.9, F14.9, F15.9, F16.9
- 3 categories: use, abuse, dependence
  - Use only the most severe category if 2 are present
  - Example: use and abuse: code abuse, not use

Other Pain Dx Codes

- Low Back Pain – M54.5
  - Excludes lumbago with sciatica (M54.4x)
- Pain in thoracic spine – M54.6
  - Excludes pain due to disc (M51.xx)
- Occipital Neuralgia – M54.8
- Myositis – M60.81-89

Noridian LCD Qualifying Dx LESI (30)
(Spinal Stenosis = Narrowing of Spinal Canal)
(Radiculopathy = Disease of Spinal Nerve Roots; Pinched Nerve)

- B02.23   Postherpetic polyneuropathy
- B02.7   Disseminated zoster
- B02.8   Zoster with other complications
- B02.9   Zoster without complications
- G89.18   Other acute postprocedural pain
- G97.1   Other reaction to spinal and lumbar puncture
- M48.06   Spinal stenosis, L region
- M48.07   Spinal stenosis, L/S region
- M51.15   Disc disorders w/radiculopathy, T/L region
- M51.16   Disc disorders w/ radiculopathy, L region

Noridian LCD Qualifying Dx LESI
(Disc Displacement = Slipped Disc)
(Sciatica = Pain Going Down Leg from Back)

- M51.17   Disc disorders w/ radiculopathy, L/S region
- M51.26   Other disc displacement, L region
- M51.27   Other disc displacement, L/S region
- M51.36   Other disc degeneration, L region
- M51.37   Other disc degeneration, L/S region
- M54.15   Radiculopathy, T/L region
- M54.16   Radiculopathy, L region
- M54.17   Radiculopathy, L/S region
- M54.18   Radiculopathy, S&C region
- M54.31   Sciatica, right side

Noridian LCD Qualifying Dx LESI
(Lumbago = Low Back Pain)
(Subluxation =Partial Dislocation, Misalignment)
(Osseous = Bony)

- M54.32   Sciatica, left side
- M54.41   Lumbago w/sciatica, right side
- M54.42   Lumbago w/ sciatica, left side
- M54.5   Low Back Pain
- M99.23   Subluxation stenosis of neural canal, L region
- M99.33   Osseous stenosis of neural canal, L region
- M99.43   Connect tissue stenosis of neural canal, L region
- M99.53   Disc stenosis of neural canal, L region
- M99.63   Osseous/sublux. stenosis foramina, L region
- M99.73   Connect tissue & disc stenosis foramina, L region

WPS LCD Qualifying Dx LESI (100)

- B02.0   Zoster encephalitis (B=infectious diseases)
- B02.21   Postherpetic geniculate ganglionitis
- B02.22   Postherpetic trigeminal neuralgia
- B02.23   Postherpetic polyneuropathy
- B02.24   Postherpetic myelitis
- B02.29   Other postherpetic nervous system involvement
- B02.7   Disseminated zoster
- B02.8   Zoster with other complications

WPS LCD Qualifying Dx LESI
G=Nervous System Diseases

- G04.1   Tropical spastic paraplegia
- G35   Multiple sclerosis
- G54.0   Brachial plexus disorders
- G54.1   Lumbosacral plexus disorders
- G54.2   Cervical root disorders, NEC
- G54.3   Thoracic root disorders, NEC
- G54.4   Lumbosacral root disorders, NEC
- G54.5   Neuralgic amyotrophy
- G54.6   Plantom limb syndrome with pain
- G54.8   Other nerve root and plexus disorders

WPS LCD Qualifying Dx LESI
(Causalgia = Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, II, Nerve damage & swelling)

- G55   Nerve root/plexus compression, class/elsewhere
- G56.41   Causalgia of right upper limb
- G56.42   Causalgia of left upper limb
- G57.01   Lesion of sciatic nerve, right lower limb
- G57.02   Lesion of sciatic nerve, left lower limb
- G57.71   Causalgia of right lower limb
- G57.72   Causalgia of left lower limb
- G58.0   Intercostal neuropathy
- G58.7   Mononeuritis multiplex
- G58.8   Other specified mononeuropathies

WPS LCD Qualifying Dx LESI
Cerebral Palsy

- G59   Mononeuropathy, diseases classified elsewhere
- G80.0   Spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy
- G80.1   Spastic diplegic cerebral palsy
- G80.2   Spastic hemiplegic cerebral palsy
- G80.4   Ataxic cerebral palsy
- G80.8   Other cerebral palsy
- G80.9   Cerebral palsy, unspecified

WPS LCD Qualifying Dx LESI
(Spastic hemiplegia = Constant contraction on one side of body)

- G81.10   Spastic hemiplegia, unspecified site
- G81.11   Spastic hemiplegia, right dominant side
- G81.12   Spastic hemiplegia, left dominant side
- G81.13   Spastic hemiplegia, right nondominant side
- G81.14   Spastic hemiplegia, left nondominant side

WPS LCD Qualifying Dx LESI
(Para & Quadriplegia)

- G82.20   Paraplegia, unspecified
- G82.21   Paraplegia, complete
- G82.22   Paraplegia, incomplete
- G82.50   Quadriplegia, unspecified
- G82.51   Quadriplegia, C1-C4, complete
- G82.52   Quadriplegia, C1-C4, incomplete
- G82.53   Quadriplegia, C5-C7, complete
- G82.54   Quadriplegia, Cg-C7, incomplete
- G83.0   Diplegia of upper limbs

WPS LCD Qualifying Dx LESI
(Trauma & Post-procedural Pain)

- G89.11   Acute pain due to trauma
- G89.12   Acute post-thoracotomy pain
- G89.18   Other acute postprocedural pain
- G89.21   Chronic pain due to trauma
- G89.22   Chronic post-thoracotomy pain
- G89.28   Other chronic postprocedural pain
- G89.29   Other chronic pain
- G89.3   Neoplasm related pain (acute) (chronic)

WPS LCD Qualifying Dx LESI
(CRPS I, a/k/a Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy-swelling/pain/limbs)

- G90.511   Complex regional pain syndrome I, r/upper limb
- G90.512   Complex regional pain syndrome I, l/upper limb
- G90.513   Complex regional pain syndrome I, u/limb/bilat
- G90.521   Complex regional pain syndrome I, r/lower limb
- G90.522   Complex regional pain syndrome I, l/lower limb
- G90.523   Complex regional pain syndrome I, l/limb/bilat
- G90.59   Complex regional pain syndrome I, other site

WPS LCD Qualifying Dx LESI
(Spondylosis – Osteoarthritis of Spine)

- M25.551   Pain in right hip
- M25.552   Pain in left hip
- M47.21   Spondylosis w/radiculopathy, C1-2 region
- M47.22   Spondylosis w/radiculopathy, C region
- M47.23   Spondylosis w/radiculopathy, CT region
- M47.24   Spondylosis w/radiculopathy, T region
- M47.25   Spondylosis w/radiculopathy, T/L region
- M47.26   Spondylosis w/radiculopathy, L region
- M47.27   Spondylosis w/radiculopathy, L/S region
- M47.28   Spondylosis w/radiculopathy, S&C region

WPS LCD Qualifying Dx LESI
(Stenosis = Narrowing)

- M48.01   Spinal stenosis, C1-2 region
- M48.02   Spinal stenosis, C region
- M48.03   Spinal stenosis, C/T region
- M48.04   Spinal stenosis, T region
- M48.05   Spinal stenosis, T/L region
- M48.06   Spinal stenosis, L region
- M48.07   Spinal stenosis, L/S region
- M48.08   Spinal stenosis, S&C

WPS LCD Qualifying Dx LESI
Disc Disorders
(Myelopathy = Compression of Spinal Cord Itself)
(Radiculopathy = Compression of Nerve Root)

- M50.01   C/disc disorder w/myelopathy, High C region
- M50.02   C/disc disorder w/myelopathy, Mid-C region
- M50.03   C/disc disorder w/myelopathy, C/T region
- M50.11   C/disc disorder w/radiculopathy, High C region
- M50.12   C/disc disorder w/radiculopathy, Mid-C region
- M50.13   C/disc disorder w/radiculopathy, C/T region
- M51.14   Disc disorders w/radiculopathy, T region
- M51.15   Disc disorders w/radiculopathy, T/L region
- M51.16   Disc disorders w/radiculopathy, L region
- M51.17   Disc disorders w/radiculopathy, L/S region

WPS LCD Qualifying Dx LESI
Radiculopathy

- M54.11   Radiculopathy, C1-2 region
- M54.12   Radiculopathy, C region
- M54.13   Radiculopathy, C/T region
- M54.14   Radiculopathy, T region
- M54.15   Radiculopathy, T/L region
- M54.16   Radiculopathy, L region
- M54.17   Radiculopathy, L/S region
- M54.18   Radiculopathy, S&C region

Noridian Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets (10 Dx)
(Spondylosis = Spinal Arthritis)

- M47.811   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, C1-2 region
- M47.812   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, C region
- M47.813   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, CT region
- M47.814   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, T region
- M47.815   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, T/L region
- M47.816   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, L region
- M47.817   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, LS region
- M47.818   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, S&C region
- M62.830* Muscle spasm/back (*Must doc. facet syndrome)
- M71.30   Other bursal cyst, unspecified site

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets (273)
(Spondylolysis = Defect of Facet Joint, *Pars Interarticularis*)

- M43.00   Spondylolysis, site unspecified
- M43.01   Spondylolysis, C1-2 region
- M43.02   Spondylolysis, C region
- M43.03   Spondylolysis, C/T region
- M43.04   Spondylolysis, T region
- M43.05   Spondylolysis, T/L region
- M43.06   Spondylolysis, L region
- M43.07   Spondylolysis, L/S region
- M43.08   Spondylolysis, S&C region
- M43.09   Spondylolysis, multiple sites in spine

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Spondylolisthesis = Slipped/Displaced Vertebra)

- M43.10   Spondylolisthesis, site unspecified
- M43.11   Spondylolisthesis, C 1-2 region
- M43.12   Spondylolisthesis, C region
- M43.13   Spondylolisthesis, C/T region
- M43.14   Spondylolisthesis, T region
- M43.15   Spondylolisthesis, T/L region
- M43.16   Spondylolisthesis, L region
- M43.17   Spondylolisthesis, L/S region
- M43.18   Spondylolisthesis, S&C region
- M43.19   Spondylolisthesis, multiple sites in spine

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
Anterior Spinal Artery Compression Syndromes

- M47.011   A/spinal artery comp syn, C1-2 region
- M47.012   A/spinal artery comp syn, C region
- M47.013   A/spinal artery comp syn, CT region
- M47.014   A/spinal artery comp syn, T region
- M47.015   A/spinal artery comp syn, T/L region
- M47.016   A/spinal artery comp syn, L region
- M47.019   A/spinal artery comp syn, site unspecified
- M47.021   Vertebral artery comp syn, C1-2 region
- M47.022   Vertebral artery comp syn, C region
- M47.029   Vertebral artery comp syn, site unspecified

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Spondylosis with Myelopathy or Radiculopathy)
(Myelopathy = Spinal Cord Compression)
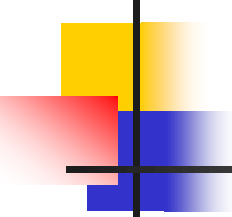
- M47.11   Spondylosis w/myelopathy, C1-2 region
- M47.12   Spondylosis w/myelopathy, C region
- M47.13   Spondylosis w/myelopathy, CT region
- M47.14   Spondylosis w/myelopathy, T region
- M47.15   Spondylosis w/myelopathy, T/L region
- M47.16   Spondylosis w/myelopathy, L region
- M47.20   Spondylosis w/ myelopathy, site unspecified
- M47.21   Spondylosis w/radiculoathy, C1-2 region
- M47.22   Spondylosis w/radiculopathy, C region
- M47.23   Spondylosis w/radiculopathy, CT region
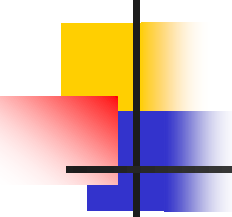
Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Spondylosis w/ and w/o Radiculopathy or Myelopathy)

- M47.24   Spondylosis w/radiculopathy, T region
- M47.25   Spondylosis w/radiculopathy, T/L region
- M47.26   Spondylosis w/radiculopathy, L region
- M47.811   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, C1-2 region
- M47.812   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, C region
- M47.813   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, CT region
- M47.814   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, T region
- M47.815   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, T/L region
- M47.816   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, L region
- M47.817   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radc, LS region

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Spondylosis Cont'd)

- M47.818   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, S&C region
- M47.819   Spondylosis w/o myelo or radic, site unspecified
- M47.891   Spondylosis, C1-2 region
- M47.892   Spondylosis, C region
- M47.893   Spondylosis, CT region
- M47.894   Spondylosis, T region
- M47.895   Spondylosis, T/L region
- M47.896   Spondylosis, L region
- M47.897   Spondylosis, LS region
- M47.898   Spondylosis, S&C region

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Spondylosis and Stenosis)
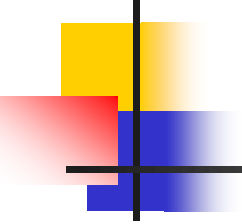
- M47.899   Spondylosis, site unspecified
- M47.9   Spondylosis, unspecified
- M48.00   Spinal stenosis, site unspecified
- M48.04   Spinal stenosis, T region
- M48.05   Spinal stenosis, T/L region
- M48.06   Spinal stenosis, L region
- M48.07   Spinal stenosis, L/S region
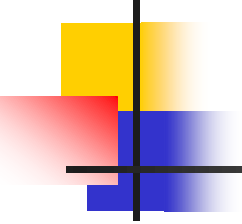
Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Collapsed Vertebra-Initial Encounters-Requires 7th Character)

- M48.50XA C/V, NEC, site unspecified
- M48.51XA C/V, NEC, C1-2 region
- M48.52XA C/V, NEC, C region
- M48.53XA C/V, NEC, C/T region
- M48.54XA C/V, NEC, T region
- M48.55XA C/V, NEC, T/L region
- M48.56XA C/V, NEC, L region
- M48.57XA C/V, NEC, L/S region
- M48.58XA C/V, NEC, S&C region

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Disc Issues)

- M50.00   C/disc disorder w/myelopathy, unspecified C region
- M50.01   C/disc disorder w/myelopathy, High C region
- M50.02   C/disc disorder w/myelopathy, Mid-C region
- M50.03   C/disc disorder w/myelopathy, C/T region
- M50.30   C/disc degeneration, unspecified C region
- M50.31   C/disc degeneration, High C region
- M50.32   C/disc degeneration, Mid-C region
- M50.33   C/disc degeneration, C/T region
- M51.04   Disc disorders w/myelopathy; T region
- M51.05   Disc disorders w/myelopathy, T/L region

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Disc Issues)

- M51.06   Disc disorders w/myelopathy, L region
- M51.24   Disc displacement, T region
- M51.25   Disc displacement, T/L region
- M51.26   Disc displacement, L region
- M51.27   Disc displacement, L/S region
- M51.34   Disc degeneration, T region
- M51.35   Disc degeneration, T/L region
- M51.36   Disc degeneration, L region
- M51.37   Disc degeneration, L/S region

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Cervicalgia = Pain in the Neck)

- M54.2   Cervicalgia
- M54.5   Low Back Pain
- M54.6   Pain in Thoracic Spine
- M80.08XA Age Osteoporosis w/current path V/fx, initial enc
- M80.88XA Osteoporosis w/current path V/fx, initial enc
- M84.48XA Path fx, other site, initial enc
- M84.58XA Path fx, neoplastic/disease, other site, initial enc
- M84.68XA Path fx, other disease, other site, initial enc

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
Stenosis Issues
(Subluxation = Partial Dislocation/Displacement of Joint)
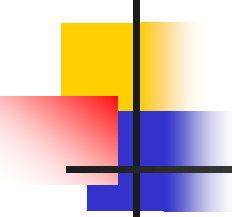
- M96.1   Postlaminectomy syndrome, NEC
- M99.22   Subluxation stenosis of neural canal, T region
- M99.23   Subluxation stenosis of neural canal, L region
- M99.32   Osseous stenosis/neural canal, T region
- M99.33   Osseous stenosis/neural canal, L region
- M99.42   C/Tissue stenosis/neural canal, T region
- M99.43   C/Tissue stenosis/neural canal, L region
- M99.52   Disc stenosis/neural canal, T region
- M99.53   Disc stenosis/neural canal, L region

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- M99.62   Osseous/sublux stenosis, I/V foramina, T region
- M99.63   Osseous/sublux stenosis, I/V foramina L region
- M99.72   C/Tissue, disc stenosis of I/V foramina, T region
- M99.73   C/Tissue, disc stenosis of I/V foramina, L region
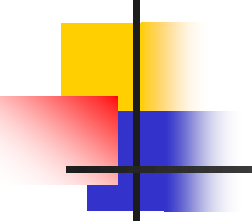
Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Fx, Initial Encounters, Requires 7th Character)
1st Cervical Vertebra

- S12.000A   Unspecified displaced fx, 1st C/Vertebra
- S12.001A   Unspecified non-displaced fx, 1st C/Vertebra
- S12.01XA   Stable burst fx, 1st C/Vertebra
- S12.02XA   Unstable burst fx, 1st C/Vertebra
- S12.030A   Displaced posterior arch fx, 1st C/Vertebra
- S12.031A   Nondisplaced posterior arch fx, 1st C/Vertebra
- S12.040A   Displaced lateral mass fx, 1st C/Vertebra
- S12.041A   Nondisplaced lateral mass fx, 1st C/Vertebra
- S12.090A   Other displaced fx, 1st C/Vertebra
- S12.091A   Other nondisplaced fx, 1st C/Vertebra
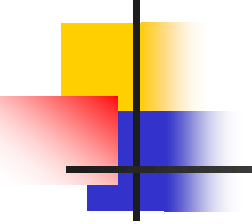
Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Fx, Initial Encounters, Requires 7th Character)
2nd Cervical Vertebra
(Dens = Part of C2)

- S12.100A   Unspecified displaced fx, 2nd C/Vertebra
- S12.110A   Unspecified nondisplaced fx, 2nd C/Vertebra
- S12.111A   Posterior displaced Type II dens fx
- S12.112A   Nondisplaced Type II dens fx
- S12.120A   Other displaced dens fx
- S12.121A   Other nondisplaced dens fx
- S12.130A   Unspecified trauma/displaced spondylolisthesis, C2
- S12.131A   Unspecified trauma/nondispl. spondylolisthesis C2
- S12.14XA   Type 3/trauma spondylolisthesis, 2nd C/V
- S12.150A   Other trama displaced spondylolisthesis, 2nd C/V
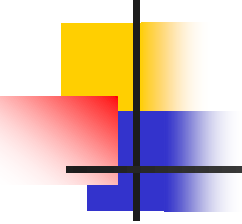
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2nd & 3rd Cervical Vertebra
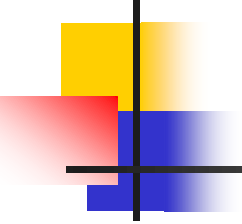
- S12.151A   Other trauma nondispl spondylolthesis, 2nd C/V
- S12.190A   Other displaced fx, 2nd C/Vertebra
- S12.191A   Other nondisplaced fx, 2nd C/Vertebra
- S12.200A   U/S displaced fx, 3rd C/Vertebra
- S12.201A   U/S nondisplaced fx 3rd C/Vertebra
- S12.230A   U/S trauma displaced spondylolisthesis, 3rd C/V
- S12.231A   U/S trauma nondispl spondylolisthesis, 3rd C/V
- S12.24XA   Type 3, trauma spondylolisthesis, 3rd C/V
- S12.250A   Other trauma displaced spondylolisthesis, 3rd C/V
- S12.251A   Other trauma nondispl spondylolisthesis, 3rd C/V

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
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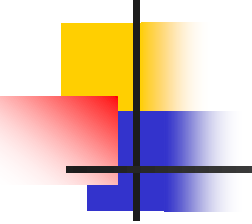### 3rd & 4th Cervical Vertebra

- S12.290A   Other displaced fx, 3rd C/Vertebra
- S12.291A   Other nondisplaced fx, 3rd C/Vertebra
- S12.300A   U/S displaced fx, 4th C/Vertebra
- S12.301A   U/S nondisplaced fx, 4th C/Vertebra
- S12.330A   U/S trauma displaced spondylolisthesis, 4th C/V
- S12.331A   U/S trauma nondispl spondylolisthesis, 4th C/V
- S12.34XA   Type 3, trauma spondylolisthesis, 4th C/Vertebra
- S12.350A   Other trauma displaced spondylolisthesis, 4th C/V
- S12.351A   Other trauma nondispl spondylolisthesis, 4th C/V

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Fx, Initial Encounters, Requires 7th Character)
4th & 5th Cervical Vertebra

- S12.390A   Other displaced fx, 4th C/Vertebra
- S12.391A   Other nondispl fx, 4th C/ Vertebra
- S12.400A   U/S displaced fx, 5th C/Vertebra
- S12.401A   U/S nondisplaced fx, 5th C/Vertebra
- S12.430A   U/S trauma displaced spondylolisthesis, 5th C/V
- S12.431A   U/S trauma nondispl spondylolisthesis, 5th C/V
- S12.44XA   Type 3, trauma spondylolisthesis, 5th C/Vertebra
- S12.450A   Other trauma displaced spondylolisthesis, 5th C/V
- S12.451A   Other trauma nondispl spondylolisthesis, 5th C/V

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Fx, Initial Encounters, Requires 7th Character)
5th & 6th Cervical Vertebra

- S12.490A Other displaced fx, 5th C/Vertebra
- S12.491A Other nondispl fx, 5th C/ Vertebra
- S12.500A U/S displaced fx, 6th C/Vertebra
- S12.501A U/S nondisplaced fx, 6th C/Vertebra
- S12.530A U/S trauma displaced spondylolisthesis, 6th C/V
- S12.531A U/S trauma nondispl spondylolisthesis, 6th C/V
- S12.54XA Type 3, trauma spondylolisthesis, 6th C/Vertebra
- S12.550A Other trauma displaced spondylolisthesis, 6th C/V
- S12.551A Other trauma nondispl spondylolisthesis, 6th C/V

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
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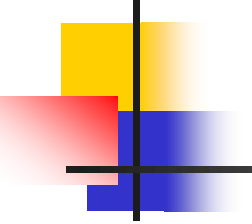### 6th & 7th Cervical Vertebra

- S12.590A   Other displaced fx, 6th C/Vertebra
- S12.591A   Other nondispl fx, 6th C/ Vertebra
- S12.600A   U/S displaced fx, 7th C/Vertebra
- S12.601A   U/S nondisplaced fx, 7th C/Vertebra
- S12.630A   U/S trauma displaced spondylolisthesis, 7th C/V
- S12.631A   U/S trauma nondispl spondylolisthesis, 7th C/V
- S12.64XA   Type 3, trauma spondylolisthesis, 7th C/Vertebra
- S12.650A   Other trauma displaced spondylolisthesis, 7th C/V
- S12.651A   Other trauma nondispl spondylolisthesis, 7th C/V

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
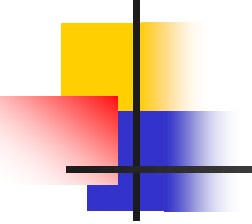## (Fx, Initial Encounters, Requires 7th Character)
7th Cervical Vertebra & Unspecified Thoracic Vertebra

- S12.690A   Other displaced fx, 7th C/Vertebra
- S12.691A   Other nondispl fx, 7th C/ Vertebra
- S12.9XXA   Fracture of Neck, unspecified
- S22.000A   Wedge compression fx, unspecified T/Vertebra
- S22.001A   Stable burst fx, unspecified T/Vertebra
- S22.002A   Unstable burst fx, unspecified T/Vertebra
- S22.008A   Other fx, unspecified T/Vertebra
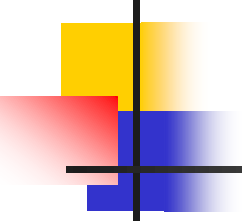- S22.009A   Unspecified fx, unspecified T/Vertebra

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Fx, Initial Encounters, Requires 7th Character)
1st & 2nd Thoracic Vertebra

- S22.010A   Wedge compression fx, 1st T/Vertebra
- S22.011A   Stable burst fx, 1st T/Vertebra
- S22.012A   Unstable burst fx, 1st T/Vertebra
- S22.018A   Other fx, 1st T/Vertebra
- S22.019A   Unspecified fx, 1st T/Vertebra
- S22.020A   Wedge compression fx, 2nd T/Vertebra
- S22.021A   Stable burst fx, 2nd T/Vertebra
- S22.022A   Unstable burst fx, 2nd T/Vertebra
- S22.028A   Other fx, 2nd T/Vertebra
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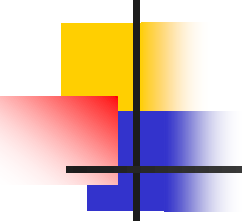### 3rd & 4th Thoracic Vertebra

- S22.030A   Wedge compression fx, 3rd T/Vertebra
- S22.031A   Stable burst fx, 3rd T/Vertebra
- S22.032A   Unstable burst fx, 3rd T/Vertebra
- S22.038A   Other fx, 3rd T/Vertebra
- S22.039A   Unspecified fx, 3rd T/Vertebra
- S22.040A   Wedge compression fx, 4th T/Vertebra
- S22.041A   Stable burst fx, 4th T/Vertebra
- S22.042A   Unstable burst fx, 4th T/Vertebra
- S22.048A   Other fx, 4th T/Vertebra
- S22.049A   Unspecified fx, 4th T/Vertebra

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(Fx, Initial Encounters, Requires 7th Character)
5th - 8thThoracic Vertebra
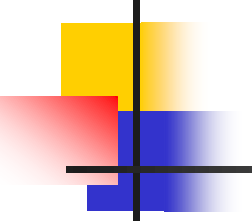
- S22.050A   Wedge compression fx, T5-T6/Vertebra
- S22.051A   Stable burst fx, T5-T6/Vertebra
- S22.052A   Unstable burst fx, T5-T6/Vertebra
- S22.058A   Other fx, T5-T6/Vertebra
- S22.059A   Unspecified fx, T5-T6/Vertebra
- S22.060A   Wedge compression fx, T7-T8/Vertebra
- S22.061A   Stable burst fx, T7-T8/Vertebra
- S22.062A   Unstable burst fx, T7-T8/Vertebra
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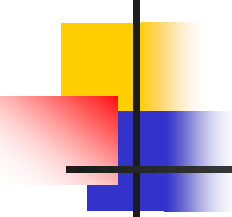
Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Fx, Initial Encounters, Requires 7th Character)
9th – 12th Thoracic Vertebra

- S22.070A Wedge compression fx, T9-T10/Vertebra
- S22.071A Stable burst fx, T9-T10/Vertebra
- S22.072A Unstable burst fx, T9-T10/Vertebra
- S22.078A Other fx, T9-T10/Vertebra
- S22.079A Unspecified fx, T9-T10/Vertebra
- S22.080A Wedge compression fx, T11-T12/Vertebra
- S22.081A Stable burst fx, T11-T12/Vertebra
- S22.082A Unstable burst fx, T11-T12/Vertebra
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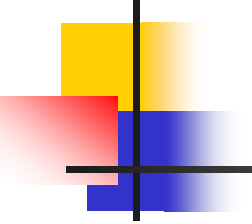
Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Fx, Initial Encounters, Requires 7th Character)
Unspecified Lumbar and L1 Vertebra

- S32.000A Wedge compression fx, unspecified L/Vertebra
- S32.001A Stable burst fx, unspecified L/Vertebra
- S32.002A Unstable burst fx, unspecified L/Vertebra
- S32.008A Other fx, unspecified L/Vertebra
- S32.009A Unspecified fx, unspecified L/Vertebra
- S32.010A Wedge compression fx, 1st L/Vertebra
- S32.011A Stable burst fx, 1st L/Vertebra
- S32.012A Unstable burst fx, 1st L/Vertebra
- S32.018A Other fx, 1st L/Vertebra
- S32.019A Unspecified fx, 1st L/Vertebra

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Fx, Initial Encounters, Requires 7th Character)
L2-L3 Vertebra

- S32.020A   Wedge compression fx, 2nd L/Vertebra
- S32.021A   Stable burst fx, 2nd L/Vertebra
- S32.022A   Unstable burst fx, 2nd L/Vertebra
- S32.028A   Other fx, 2nd L/Vertebra
- S32.029A   Unspecified fx, 2nd L/Vertebra
- S32.030A   Wedge compression fx, 3rd L/Vertebra
- S32.031A   Stable burst fx, 3rd L/Vertebra
- S32.032A   Unstable burst fx, 3rd L/Vertebra
- S32.038A   Other fx, 3rd L/Vertebra
- S32.039A   Unspecified fx, 3rd L/Vertebra

Novitas Medicare Qualifying Dx Facets
(Fx, Initial Encounters, Requires 7th Character)
L4-L5 Vertebra

- S32.040A   Wedge compression fx, 4th L/Vertebra
- S32.041A   Stable burst fx, 4th L/Vertebra
- S32.042A   Unstable burst fx, 4th L/Vertebra
- S32.048A   Other fx, 4th L/Vertebra
- S32.049A   Unspecified fx, 4th L/Vertebra
- S32.050A   Wedge compression fx, 5th L/Vertebra
- S32.051A   Stable burst fx, 5th L/Vertebra
- S32.052A   Unstable burst fx, 5th L/Vertebra
- S32.058A   Other fx, 5th L/Vertebra
- S32.059A   Unspecified fx, 5th L/Vertebra