

Risk Coding Tips and Tools

Amputation Status, Prosthetics, and Artificial Limbs

Amputation status must be addressed and reported annually to capture the condition. To report a code to the highest level of specificity, the medical record should include pertinent details such as:

- Anatomical site and laterality
- Level of amputation (complete/partial)
- Presence of prosthetics
- Associated malignancies
- Complications and late effects
 - Gangrene
 - Phantom limb syndrome
- Underlying Conditions
 - Peripheral vascular disease
 - Diabetes
 - Atherosclerosis



Traumatic Amputations

- Traumatic amputations are typically reported from the hospital at the time services are provided for the injury. If no sequelae and no additional treatment is being directed to the traumatic amputation, code as a status with category Z89

New Risk Adjustment Codes

- Presence of artificial right leg (complete) (partial)
- Presence of artificial left leg (complete) (partial)
- Presence of artificial legs, bilateral (complete) (partial)

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Physician Documentation Example

Example 1:

65 y/o male with type two diabetes mellitus with peripheral arterial disease. Glucose at 120's in the morning; has had a couple of episodes of hypoglycemia. Taking insulin - managed by endocrinology. Severe peripheral arterial disease on Xarelto follows with vascular. Status post left below knee amputation - tolerating prosthesis well

Clinician Coding:

- E11.51 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic peripheral angiopathy without gangrene
- Z79.4 Long term (current) use of insulin
- Z89.512 Acquired absence of left leg below knee
- Z97.14 Presence of artificial left leg (complete) (partial)

Example 2:

Patient present for follow-up visit, long data smoker status post right leg surgical amputation in 2023 due to circulatory complications. Has phantom syndrome, no pain, doing mirror therapy
Exam: Skin: No obvious lesions. Extremities: Below knee amputation of right leg. No edema

Clinician Coding:

- S88.911S Complete traumatic amputation of right lower leg, level unspecified, sequela
- G54.7 Phantom limb syndrome without pain

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. (2024). ICD-10-CM official guidelines for coding and reporting FY 2024. CMS.gov.
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/fy-2024-icd-10-cm-coding-guidelines-updated-02/01/2024.pdf>

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