

Risk Adjustment Coding Corner

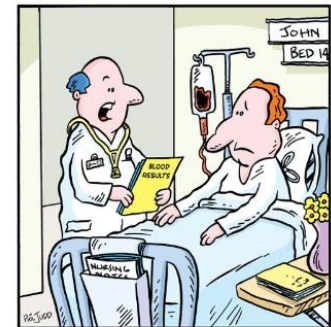
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Commonly Miscoded Conditions

Embolism is one of the most miscoded medical conditions and is often targeted by the Office of Inspector General during audits.

A reminder that supporting documentation for coding this condition should specify the following:

- **Condition** – embolism, thrombosis, deep vein thrombosis
- **Acuity** – acute, chronic
- **Location** – calf, thigh, lung, etc.
- **Site** – specify the affected blood vessel, if known
- **Laterality** – right, left, or bilateral
- **Underlying cause** – heart failure, obesity, prolonged inactivity, inflammation, injury



"Triglycerides? Let's just say when your cholesterol, HDL and LDL are partying it up, he's the guy you don't want to gate crash!"

If anticoagulants are prescribed, indicate if this is a prophylactic measure or part of ongoing treatment for an active condition. Lastly, please be aware that the term “history of” in coding indicates the condition is historical and **no longer exists**.

New Embolism Codes

Effective **October 1, 2024**, ICD-10-CM 2025 will include four new codes and two revised codes related to pulmonary embolism (I26).

- I26.03: Cement embolism of pulmonary artery with acute cor pulmonale. This code will also have a “code first” note to code the complication of other arteries following a procedure (I83.718).
- I26.95: Cement embolism of pulmonary artery without acute cor pulmonale. This code will also have a “code first” note to code the complication of other arteries following a procedure (I83.718).
- I26.04: Fat embolism of pulmonary artery with acute cor pulmonale. This code will also receive a note to “code first” if applicable: complication of other arteries following a procedure (I81.718) or traumatic fat embolism (T79.1).
- I26.96: Fat embolism of pulmonary artery without acute cor pulmonale. This code will also receive a note to “code first” if applicable: complication of other arteries following a procedure (I81.718) or traumatic fat embolism (T79.1).

Revised Embolism Codes

- I26.93 (Single subsegmental thrombotic pulmonary embolism without acute cor pulmonale);
- I26.94 (Multiple subsegmental thrombotic pulmonary emboli without acute cor pulmonale).

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