



ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Rheumatology

ICD-10 Code Expansion:

❖ ANATOMIC SPECIFICITY & LATERALITY

- Effusion ankle and foot
 - ICD-9 – one code
 - ICD-10 – six (6) codes
 - Ankle and foot separated (2 options)
 - R, L, unspecified (3 options)
- Example: Facet syndrome
 - ICD-9 one code
 - ICD-10 nine (9) codes, based on improved anatomic specificity
 - Occipito-atlanto-axial, cervical, cervico-thoracic, thoracic, TL, lumbar, LS, sacral & SC, unspecified

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| $2 \times 3 = 6$ specific codes |
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Gout: a great example of code expansion

❖ ICD-9: 4 codes

❖ ICD-10: **363 codes**

- Axes of classification: each axis multiplies number of codes
 - **Type:** acute or chronic
 - **Etiology:** idiopathic, lead-induced, drug-induced, due to renal impairment, other secondary, unspecified
 - **Anatomic Location:** Shoulder, elbow, wrist, hand, hip, etc.
 - **Laterality:** Right, left, unspecified
 - **Tophus:** present or absent (only for chronic type)

➤ Example

- Chronic gout M1A.
- Idiopathic M1A.0
- Elbow M1A.02
- Left M1A.022
- With tophus M1A.0221



Rheumatoid Arthritis and other Polyarthropathis: code expansion

❖ ICD-9: 11 codes

❖ ICD-10: **451 codes**

- Axes of classification: each axis multiplies number of codes
 - **Type:** RA with rheumatoid factor, other rheumatoid arthritis, enteropathic arthropathies, juvenile arthritis
 - **Subtype:** Felty's syndrome, rheumatoid lung disease, vasculitis, heart disease, myopathy, polyneuropathy, other organs, etc.
 - **Anatomic Location:** Shoulder, elbow, wrist, hand, hip, etc.
 - **Laterality:** Right, left, unspecified

➤ Example

- RA with rheumatoid factor M05.
- Rheumatoid heart disease with RA M05.3
- Elbow M05.32
- Left M05.322

Myalgia and Myositis (include fibromyalgia): code expansion

❖ ICD-9: one code "Myalgia and myositis"

❖ ICD-10: **27 codes**

- Other myositis
 - Anatomic site (each with 3 subtypes for laterality): Shoulder, upper arm, forearm, hand, thigh, lower leg, ankle and foot (3)
 - Anatomic site (each without laterality): other, multiple, unspecified
- Myositis unspecified, myalgia, fibromyalgia (one code each)