

Coding Tip: Coding for Other Conditions in Pregnancy

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The ICD-10-CM diagnosis code book provides in Chapter 15 (codes O00-O9A) a broad variety of diagnoses related to pregnancy—both pregnancy-specific diagnoses and conditions that are complicated or exacerbated by the pregnancy. However, there will be occasions in which the patient has a diagnosis for which a pregnancy-specific code is not available. The exact code(s) to be used will depend on the condition.

Chapter 15 includes variety of options in the **O99** category, “**Other maternal diseases classifiable elsewhere, but complicating pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium.**” There are separate subcategories within this category for several different conditions or organ systems. The user is to select the primary diagnosis from the relevant condition/organ system subcategory, and then assign a secondary diagnosis for the specific condition. The subcategories in this category are:

Subcategory	Description	Secondary diagnosis options
O99.0-	Anemia	D50-D64
O99.1-	Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs	D65-D89
O99.2-	Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	
O99.21-	Obesity	E66
O99.28-	Other endocrine nutritional and metabolic diseases	E00-E89, except E66
O99.3-	Mental disorders and diseases of the nervous system	
O99.31-	Alcohol use	F10
O99.32-	Drug use	F11-F16, F18-F19
O99.33-	Tobacco use	F17
O99.34-	Other mental disorder	F01-F09, F20-F52, F54-F99
O99.35-	Nervous system	G00-G99
O99.4-	Circulatory system	I00-I99
O99.5-	Respiratory system	J00-J99
O99.6-	Digestive system	K00-K93
O99.7-	Skin and subcutaneous tissues	L00-L99

If the patient has a condition that does not fall within any of these categories, then a code **O99.891 Other specified diseases and conditions complicating pregnancy** is selected as the primary diagnosis. Examples of this type of condition could include **M32.9 Systemic lupus erythematosus** or **N18.9 Chronic kidney**

disease, or certain maternal congenital conditions identified in Chapter 17 (“Q” codes). These diagnoses would be reported as a secondary diagnosis, as appropriate.

If the patient has a condition that does not have a specific pregnancy-related diagnosis code, but the clinician believes that the condition is caused directly by the pregnancy, then report ICD-10-CM code **O26.89-Other specified pregnancy related conditions, _____ trimester**. Possible examples include **R10.2 Pelvic and perineal pain** or **M54.50 Low back pain, unspecified**, which are reported as a secondary diagnosis.

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