2014 ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes
Related to Speech and Hearing Disorders

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General Information

This ASHA document provides a listing of the 2014 *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)* codes related to speech and hearing disorders. This document is **not** a comprehensive list and a number of codes are included for information purposes only. Entries with only three or four digits may require coding to a higher degree of specificity than indicated here. However, in general, audiology and speech-language pathology related diagnoses will be listed to their highest level of specificity.

There are no changes from 2013 due to a partial freeze on revisions to ICD-9-CM. The freeze is to assist with the transition to ICD-10-CM, which is set to occur October 1, 2015. For more information on the transition, see [www.asha.org/Practice/reimbursement/coding/ICD-10/](http://www.asha.org/Practice/reimbursement/coding/ICD-10/).

For the most up-to-date information, go to ASHA’s Billing and Reimbursement Web site at [www.asha.org/practice/reimbursement/coding/](http://www.asha.org/practice/reimbursement/coding/).

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ICD-9-CM Diagnostic Codes

Overview:

The International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) is based on the World Health Organization’s Ninth Revision, International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9). ICD-9-CM is the official system of assigning codes to diagnoses and procedures associated with hospital utilization in the United States. The ICD-9 is used to code and classify mortality data from death certificates.

The ICD-9-CM consists of:

- A tabular list containing a numerical list of the disease code numbers in tabular form;
- An alphabetical index to the disease entries, and
- A classification system for surgical, diagnostic, and therapeutic procedures (alphabetic index and tabular list).

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are the U.S. governmental agencies responsible for overseeing all changes and modifications to the ICD-9-CM.

Scope:

The intent of ICD-9-CM is to standardize disease and procedure classification throughout the United States, and to gather data about basic health statistics.

Purpose:

HIPAA legislation requires the ICD-9-CM to be used for health services billing and record keeping.

Relation to Professional Scope of Practice:

The speech-language pathologist and audiologist practicing in a medical setting, especially a hospital, may have to code delivery of services according to the ICD-9-CM.

Official ICD-9-CM Web sites:

National Center for Health Statistics:
www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/dvs/icd9des.htm

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services:
www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/

ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, Effective October 1, 2011
ICD-9-CM - Volume 1

Classification of Diseases and Injuries

Related to speech and hearing disorders

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**Ch. 1 Infectious and Parasitic Diseases (001-009)**

042 AIDS

**Ch. 2 Neoplasms (140-239)**

*Malignant Neoplasm of Lip, Oral Cavity, and Pharynx (140-149)*

140 Malignant neoplasm of lip
141 Malignant neoplasm of tongue
143 Malignant neoplasm of gum
144 Malignant neoplasm of floor of mouth
145 Malignant neoplasm of other and unspecified parts of mouth
   145.0 Cheek mucosa
   145.1 Vestibule of mouth
   145.2 Hard palate
   145.3 Soft palate
   145.4 Uvula
   145.5 Palate, unspecified
   145.6 Retromolar area
   145.8 Other specified parts of mouth
   145.9 Mouth, unspecified
146 Malignant neoplasm of oropharynx
147 Malignant neoplasm of nasopharynx
148 Malignant neoplasm of hypopharynx
149 Malignant neoplasm of other and ill-defined sites within lip, oral cavity, and pharynx
150 Malignant neoplasm of esophagus
   150.3 Upper third of esophagus
   150.4 Middle third of esophagus
   150.5 Lower third of esophagus

*Malignant Neoplasm of Respiratory and Intrathoracic Organs (160-165)*

160 Malignant neoplasm of nasal cavities, middle ear, and accessory sinuses
   160.1 Auditory tube, middle ear and mastoid air cells
161 Malignant neoplasm of larynx

*Malignant Neoplasm of Bone, Connective Tissue, Skin, and Breast (170-176)*

170 Malignant neoplasm of bone and articular cartilage
   170.1 Malignant neoplasm of mandible
### Malignant Neoplasm of Other and Unspecified Sites (190-199)

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<td>Other and unspecified parts of mouth</td>
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<td>Palate (hard) (soft)</td>
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<td>Cerebral meninges</td>
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Carcinoma in Situ (230-234)

230  Carcinoma in situ of digestive organs
    230.0  Lip, oral cavity, and pharynx
    230.1  Esophagus

231  Carcinoma in situ of respiratory system
    231.0  Larynx
    232.1  Trachea

232  Carcinoma in situ of skin
    232.0  Skin of lip
    232.2  Ear and external auditory canal

Neoplasms of Uncertain Behavior (235-238)

237  Neoplasm of endocrine glands and nervous system
    237.3  Neoplasm of paraganglia
    237.5  Brain and spinal cord
    237.6  Meninges
    237.7  Neurofibromatosis
        237.72  Neurofibromatosis, type 2 [acoustic neurofibromatosis]

239  Neoplasms of unspecified nature
    239.6  Brain

Ch. 3  Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases, and Immunity Disorders (240-279)

Other Metabolic and Immunity Disorders (270-279)

279  Disorders involving the immune mechanism
    279.4  Autoimmune disease, not elsewhere classified

Ch. 4  Diseases of the Blood and Blood-Forming Organs (280-289)

Ch. 5  Mental Disorders (290-319)

Psychoses (290-299)

290  Dementias
    290.0  Senile dementia, uncomplicated
        Excludes: mild memory disturbances, not amounting to dementia,
        associated with senile brain disease (310.89)
    290.1  Presenile dementia
        Brain syndrome with presenile brain disease
    290.4  Vascular dementia
        Multi-infarct dementia or psychosis
        Use additional code to identify cerebral atherosclerosis (437.0)
    290.8  Other specified senile psychotic conditions
        Presbyphrenic psychosis

291  Alcohol-induced mental disorders
    291.1  Alcohol-induced persisting amnestic disorder
        Korsakoff’s psychosis, alcoholic
        Wenicke-Korsakoff syndrome (alcoholic)
    291.2  Alcohol-induced persisting dementia

293  Transient mental disorders due to conditions classified elsewhere
    293.0  Delirium due to conditions classified elsewhere
293.1 Subacute delirium
294 Persistent mental disorders due to conditions classified elsewhere
294.0 Amnestic disorder in conditions classified elsewhere
   Korsakoff’s psychosis or syndrome (nonalcoholic)
294.1 Dementia in conditions classified elsewhere
   Code first: Any underlying physical condition, as:
   For example: Alzheimer’s disease (331.0)
   Epilepsy (345.0-345.9)
   Multiple Sclerosis (340)
   Parkinson’s disease (332.0)
294.10 Dementia in conditions classified elsewhere without behavioral disturbance
294.11 Dementia in conditions classified elsewhere with behavioral disturbance
294.2 Dementia, unspecified
   Excludes: mild memory disturbances, not amounting to dementia (310.89)
294.20 Dementia, unspecified, without behavioral disturbance
   Dementia NOS
294.21 Dementia, unspecified, with behavioral disturbance
   Aggressive behavior
   Combative behavior
   Violent behavior
294.8 Other persistent mental disorders due to conditions classified elsewhere
   Excludes: mild memory disturbances, not amounting to dementia (310.89)
294.9 Unspecified persistent mental disorders due to conditions classified elsewhere
295 Schizophrenic disorders
   Excludes: childhood type schizophrenia (299.9)
   infantile autism (299.0)
296 Episodic mood disorders
299 Pervasive developmental disorder
The following fifth-digit subclassification is for use with category 299:

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<td>residual state</td>
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299.0 Autistic disorder
[0-1] Childhood autism
   Infantine psychosis
   Kanner’s syndrome
   Excludes: disintegrative psychosis (299.1)
   Heller’s syndrome (299.1)
   Schizophrenic syndrome of childhood (299.9)
299.1 Childhood disintegrative psychosis
[0-1] Heller’s syndrome
   Use additional code to identify any associated neurological disorder
   Excludes: infantile autism (299.0)
   schizophrenic syndrome of childhood (299.9)
299.8 Other specified pervasive developmental disorders
[0-1] Asperger’s disorder
Atypical childhood psychosis
Borderline psychosis of childhood
Excludes: simple stereotypes without psychotic disturbance (307.3)
299.9 Unspecified pervasive developmental disorder
[0-1] Child psychosis NOS
Pervasive developmental disorder NOS
Schizophrenia, childhood type NOS
Schizophrenic syndrome of childhood NOS
Excludes: schizophrenia of adult type occurring in childhood (295.0-295.9)

Neurotic Disorders, Personality Disorders, and Other Nonpsychotic Mental Disorders (300-316)

300 Anxiety, dissociative and somatoform disorders
300.1 Dissociative, conversion and factitious disorders
  300.11 Conversion disorder
    Hysterical:
    blindness
    deafness
    paralysis

307 Special symptoms or syndromes, not elsewhere classified
Note: This category is intended for use if the psychopathology is manifested by a single specific symptom or groups of symptoms which is not part of an organic illness or other mental disorder classifiable elsewhere.

307.0 Adult onset fluency disorder
  Excludes: childhood onset fluency disorder (315.35)
  fluency disorder due to late effect of CVA (438.14)
  fluency disorder in conditions classified elsewhere (784.52)

307.9 Other and unspecified special symptoms or syndromes, not elsewhere classified
  Communication disorder NOS
  Hair plucking
  Lalling
  Lisping
  Masturbation
  Nail-biting
  Thumb-sucking

310 Specific nonpsychotic mental disorders due to brain damage
Excludes: neuroses, personality disorders, or other nonpsychotic conditions occurring in a form similar to that seen with functional disorders but in association with a physical condition (300.0-300.9, 301.0-301.9)

310.0 Frontal lobe syndrome
  Lobotomy syndrome
  Postleucotomy syndrome [state]
  Excludes: postcontusion syndrome (310.2)
310.1 Personality change due to conditions classified elsewhere
   Cognitive or personality change of other type, of nonpsychotic severity
   Organic psychosyndrome of nonpsychotic severity
   Presbyophrenia NOS
   Senility with mental changes of nonpsychotic severity
   Excludes: mild cognitive impairment (331.83)
   postconcussion syndrome (310.2)
   signs and symptoms involving emotional state (799.21-799.29)

310.2 Postconcussion syndrome
   Postcontusion syndrome or encephalopathy
   Posttraumatic brain syndrome, nonpsychotic
   Status postcommotio cerebri
   Excludes: any organic psychotic conditions following head injury (293.0-294.0)
   frontal lobe syndrome (310.0)
   postencephalitic syndrome (310.8)

310.8 Other specified nonpsychotic mental disorders following organic brain damage
310.81 Pseudobulbar affect
   Involuntary emotional expression disorder
   Code first underlying cause, if known, such as:
   amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (335.20)
   late effect of cerebrovascular accident (438.89)
   late effect of traumatic brain injury (907.0)
   multiple sclerosis (340)

310.89 Other specified nonpsychotic mental disorders following organic brain damage
   Mild memory disturbance
   Other focal (partial) organic psychosyndromes
   Postencephalitic syndrome
   Excludes: memory loss of unknown cause (780.93)

313 Disturbance of emotions specific to childhood and adolescence
313.2 Sensitivity, shyness, and social withdrawal disorder
313.23 Selective mutism
   Excludes: elective mutism as adjustment reaction (309.83)

314 Hyperkinetic syndrome of childhood
314.0 Attention deficit disorder
   314.00 Without mention of hyperactivity
   314.01 With hyperactivity
314.1 Hyperkinesis with developmental delay
   Developmental disorder of hyperkinesis
   Use additional code to identify any associated neurological disorder

315 Specific delays in development
   Excludes: that due to a neurological disorder (320.0-389.0)
315.0 Specific reading disorder
   315.00 Reading disorder, unspecified
   315.01 Alexia
   315.02 Developmental dyslexia
315.09 Other
   specific spelling difficulty
315.1 Mathematics disorder
   Dyscalculia
315.2 Other specific learning difficulties
   Disorder of written expression
   Excludes: specific arithmetical disorder (315.1)
             specific reading disorder (315.00-315.09)
315.3 Developmental speech or language disorder
315.31 Expressive language disorder
   Developmental aphasia
   Word deafness
   Excludes: Acquired aphasia (784.3)
             Elective mutism (309.83, 313.0, 313.23)
315.32 Mixed receptive-expressive language disorder
   Central auditory processing disorder
   Excludes: acquired auditory processing disorder (388.45)
315.34 Speech and language developmental delay due to hearing loss
315.35 Childhood onset fluency disorder
   Cluttering NOS
   Stuttering NOS
   Excludes: adult onset fluency disorder (307.0)
             fluency disorder due to late effect of CVA (438.14)
             fluency disorder in conditions classified elsewhere (784.52)
315.39 Other
   Developmental articulation disorder
   Dyslalia
   Phonological disorder
   Excludes: Lisping and lalling (307.9)
315.4 Developmental coordination disorder
   Clumsiness syndrome
   Dyspraxia syndrome
   Specific motor development disorder
315.5 Mixed developmental disorder
315.8 Other specific delays in development
315.9 Unspecified delay in development
   Developmental disorder NOS
   Learning disorder NOS

*Intellectual Disabilities (317-319)*

317 Mild intellectual disabilities
318 Other specific intellectual disabilities
318.0 Moderate intellectual disabilities
318.1 Severe intellectual disabilities
318.2 Profound intellectual disabilities
319 Unspecified intellectual disabilities
Ch. 6 Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs (320-389)

Inflammatory Diseases of the Central Nervous System (320-326)

320 Bacterial meningitis
321 Meningitis due to unspecified bacterium
322 Meningitis of unspecified cause
323 Encephalitis, myelitis, and encephalomyelitis

Hereditary and Degenerative Diseases of the Central Nervous System (330-337)

330 Cerebral degenerations usually manifest in childhood
331 Other cerebral degenerations
   331.0 Alzheimer’s disease
   331.1 Frontotemporal dementia
       331.11 Pick’s Disease
   331.2 Senile degeneration of brain
   331.8 Other cerebral degeneration
       331.83 Mild cognitive impairment, so stated
       Excludes: altered mental status (780.97)
       cerebral degeneration (331.0-331.9)
       change in mental status (780.97)
       cognitive deficits following (late effects of) cerebral hemorrhage or infarction (438.0)
       cognitive impairment due to intracranial or head injury (850-854, 959.01)
       cognitive impairment due to late effect of intracranial injury (907.0)
       cognitive impairment due to skull fracture (800-801, 803-804)
       dementia (290.0-290.43, 294.8)
       mild memory disturbance (310.8)
       neurologic neglect syndrome (781.8)
       personality change, nonpsychotic (310.1)

332 Parkinson’s disease
   332.0 Paralysis agitans
   332.1 Secondary Parkinsonism

333 Other extrapyramidal disease and abnormal movement disorders
   333.0 Other degenerative diseases of the basal ganglia
   333.1 Essential and other specified forms of tremor
   333.2 Myoclonus
   333.3 Tics of organic origin
   333.4 Huntington’s chorea
   333.5 Other choreas
   333.6 Genetic torsion dystonia
   333.7 Acquired torsion dystonia
       333.71 Athetoid cerebral palsy

334 Spinocerebellar disease
   334.0 Friedreich’s ataxia
   334.2 Primary cerebellar degeneration
334.3 Other cerebellar ataxia
334.4 Cerebellar ataxia in diseases classified elsewhere

335 Anterior horn cell disease
335.2 Motor neuron disease
   335.20 Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
      Motor neuron disease (bulbar) (mixed type)
   335.21 Progressive muscular atrophy
   335.22 Progressive bulbar palsy
   335.23 Pseudobulbar palsy
   335.24 Primary lateral sclerosis
   335.29 Other

Other Disorders of the Central Nervous System (340-349)

340 Multiple sclerosis
343 Infantile cerebral palsy
   343.0 Diplegic
   343.1 Hemiplegic
   343.2 Quadriplegic
   343.3 Monoplegic
   343.4 Infantile hemiplegia
   343.8 Other specified infantile cerebral palsy
   343.9 Infantile cerebral palsy, unspecified

345 Epilepsy and recurrent seizures
348 Other conditions of brain
   348.0 Cerebral cysts
   348.1 Anoxic brain damage
   348.2 Benign intracranial hypertension
   348.3 Encephalopathy, unspecified
   348.4 Compression of brain
   348.5 Cerebral edema
   348.8 Other conditions of brain
   348.9 Unspecified condition of brain

349 Other and unspecified disorders of the nervous system

Disorders of the Peripheral Nervous System (350-359)

358 Myoneural disorders
   358.0 Myasthenia gravis

359 Muscular dystrophies and other myopathies
   359.0 Congenital hereditary muscular dystrophy
   359.1 Hereditary progressive muscular dystrophy

Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process (380-389)

380 Disorders of external ear
   380.0 Perichondritis and chondritis of pinna
      Chondritis of auricle
      Perichondritis of auricle
   380.00 Perichondritis of pinna, unspecified
   380.01 Acute perichondritis of pinna
   380.02 Chronic perichondritis of pinna
380.03  Chondritis of pinna
380.1  Infective otitis externa
380.10  Infective otitis externa
380.11  Acute infection of pinna
380.12  Acute swimmers’ ear
380.13  Other acute infections of external ear
   Code first underlying disease, as:
   - erysipelas (035)
   - impetigo (684)
   - seborrheic dermatitis (690.10-690.18)
Excludes:  herpes simplex (054.73)
           herpes zoster (053.71)
380.14  Malignant otitis externa
380.15  Chronic myotic otitis externa
   Code first underlying disease, as:
   - aspergillosis (117.3)
   - otomycosis NOS (111.9)
Excludes:  candida otitis externa (112.82)
380.16  Other chronic infective otitis externa
   Chronic infective otitis externa NOS
380.4  Impacted cerumen
       Wax in ear
381  Nonsuppurative otitis media and Eustachian tube disorders
381.0  Acute nonsuppurative otitis media
   Acute tubotympanic catarrh
   Otitis media, acute or subacute
catarrhal
exudative
transudative
with effusion
Excludes:  otitic barotrauma (993.0)
381.00  Acute nonsuppurative otitis media, unspecified
381.01  Acute serous otitis media
   Acute or subacute secretory otitis media
381.02  Acute mucoid otitis media
   Acute or subacute seromucinous otitis media; Blue drum syndrome
381.03  Acute sanguinous otitis media
381.04  Acute allergic serous otitis media
381.05  Acute allergic mucoid otitis media
381.06  Acute allergic sanguinous otitis media
381.1  Chronic serous otitis media
381.10  Chronic serous otitis media, simple or unspecified
381.19  Other
   Serosanguinous chronic otitis media
381.2  Chronic mucoid otitis media
   Glue ear
381.20  Chronic mucoid otitis media, simple or unspecified
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Mucosanguinous chronic otitis media |
| 381.3 | Other and unspecified chronic nonsuppurative otitis media |
| 381.4 | Nonsuppurative otitis media, not specified as acute or chronic |
| 382 | Suppurative and unspecified otitis media |
| 382.0 | Acute suppurative otitis media  
Otitis media, acute:  
necrotizing NOS  
 purulent |
| 382.00 | Acute suppurative otitis media without spontaneous rupture of ear drum |
| 382.01 | Acute suppurative otitis media with spontaneous rupture of ear drum |
| 382.02 | Acute suppurative otitis media in diseases classified elsewhere  
*Code first underlying disease, as:*  
 influenza (487.8)  
 scarlet fever (034.1) |
| 382.1 | Chronic tubotympanic suppurative otitis media  
Benign chronic suppurative otitis media (with anterior perforation of ear drum)  
Chronic tubotympanic disease (with anterior perforation of ear drum) |
| 382.2 | Chronic atticoantral suppurative otitis media  
Chronic atticoantral disease (with posterior or superior marginal perforation of ear drum)  
Persistent mucosal disease (with posterior or superior marginal perforation of ear drum) |
| 382.3 | Unspecified chronic suppurative otitis media  
Chronic purulent otitis media  
Excludes: *tuberculous otitis media (017.4)* |
| 382.4 | Unspecified suppurative otitis media  
Purulent otitis media NOS |
| 382.9 | Unspecified otitis media  
Otitis media:  
NOS  
acute NOS  
chronic NOS |
| 384 | Other disorders of tympanic membrane |
| 384.0 | Acute myringitis without mention of otitis media  
Acute myringitis, unspecified |
| 384.00 | Acute tympanitis NOS |
| 384.01 | Bullous myringitis  
Myringitis bullosa hemorrhagica |
| 384.09 | Other |
| 384.1 | Chronic myringitis without mention of otitis media  
Chronic tympanitis |
384.2 Perforation of tympanic membrane
   Perforation of ear drum:
      NOS
      persistent posttraumatic
      postinflammatory
   Excludes:  *otitis media with perforation of tympanic membrane* (382.00-382.9)
     *traumatic perforation (current injury)* (872.61)
384.20 Perforation of tympanic membrane, unspecified
384.21 Central perforation of tympanic membrane
384.22 Attic perforation of tympanic membrane
   Pars flaccida
384.23 Other marginal perforation of tympanic membrane
384.24 Multiple perforations of tympanic membrane
384.25 Total perforation of tympanic membrane
384.8 Other specified disorders of tympanic membrane
384.81 Atrophic faccid tympanic membrane
   Healed perforation of ear drum
384.82 Atrophic nonflaccid tympanic membrane
384.9 Unspecified disorder of tympanic membrane

385 Other disorders of middle ear and mastoid
   Excludes:  *mastoiditis* (383.0-383.9)
385.0 Tympanosclerosis
   385.00 Tympanosclerosis, unspecified as to involvement
   385.01 Tympanosclerosis involving tympanic membrane only
   385.02 Tympanosclerosis involving tympanic membrane and ear ossicles
   385.03 Tympanosclerosis involving tympanic membrane, ear ossicles, and middle ear
   385.09 Tympanosclerosis involving other combination of structures
385.1 Adhesive middle ear disease
   Adhesive otitis
      Otitis media:  Otitis media:
         chronic adhesive   fibrotic
   Excludes:  *glue ear* (381.20-381.29)
385.10 Adhesive middle ear disease, unspecified as to involvement
385.11 Adhesions of drum head to incus
385.12 Adhesions of drum head to stapes
385.13 Adhesions of drum head to promontorium
385.19 Other adhesions and combinations
385.2 Other acquired abnormality of ear ossicles
   385.21 Impaired mobility of malleus; Ankylosis of malleus
   385.22 Impaired mobility of other ear ossicles; Ankylosis of ear ossicles, except malleus
   385.23 Discontinuity or dislocation of ear ossicles
   385.24 Partial loss or necrosis of ear ossicles
385.3  Cholesteatoma of middle ear and mastoid
       Cholesterosis
       Epidermosis of (middle) ear
       Keratosis
       Polyp
       Excludes:  cholesteatoma:
                  external ear canal (380.21)
                  recurrent of postmastoidectomy cavity (383.32)

385.30  Cholesteatoma, unspecified
385.31  Cholesteatoma of attic
385.32  Cholesteatoma of middle ear
385.33  Cholesteatoma of middle ear and mastoid
385.35  Diffuse cholesteatosis

385.8  Other disorders of middle ear and mastoid
385.82  Cholesterin granuloma
385.83  Retained foreign body of middle ear
385.89  Other

385.9  Unspecified disorder of middle ear and mastoid

386  Vertiginous syndromes and other disorders of vestibular system
       Excludes:  vertigo NOS (780.4)
386.0  Meniere’s disease
       Endolympathic hydrops
       Lermoyez’s syndrome
       Meniere’s syndrome or vertigo
386.00  Meniere’s disease, unspecified Meniere’s disease (active)
386.01  Active Meniere’s disease, cochleovestibular
386.02  Active Meniere’s disease, cochlear
386.03  Active Meniere’s disease, vestibular
386.04  Inactive Meniere’s disease, Meniere’s disease in remission

386.1  Other and unspecified peripheral vertigo
       Excludes:  epidemic vertigo (078.81)
386.10  Peripheral vertigo, unspecified
386.11  Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo
       Benign paroxysmal positional nystagmus
386.12  Vestibular neuronitis
       Acute (and recurrent) peripheral vestibulopathy
386.19  Other
       Aural vertigo
       Otogenic vertigo

386.2  Vertigo of central origin
       Central positional nystagmus
       Malignant positional vertigo

386.3  Labyrinthitis
386.30  Labyrinthitis, unspecified
386.31  Serous labyrinthitis
       Diffuse labyrinthitis
386.32  Circumscribed labyrinthitis
       Focal labyrinthitis
386.33  Suppurative labyrinthitis
386.4 Labyrinthine fistula
   386.40 Labyrinthine fistula, unspecified
   386.41 Round window fistula
   386.42 Oval window fistula
   386.43 Semicircular canal fistula
   386.48 Labyrinthine fistula of combined sites

386.5 Labyrinthine dysfunction
   386.50 Labyrinthine dysfunction, unspecified
   386.51 Hyperactive labyrinth, unilateral
   386.52 Hyperactive labyrinth, bilateral
   386.53 Hypoactive labyrinth, unilateral
   386.54 Hypoactive labyrinth, bilateral
   386.55 Loss of labyrinthine reactivity, unilateral
   386.56 Loss of labyrinthine reactivity, bilateral
   386.58 Other forms and combinations

386.8 Other disorders of labyrinth
386.9 Unspecified vertiginous syndromes and labyrinthine disorders

387 Otosclerosis

388 Other disorders of ear
   388.0 Degenerative and vascular disorders of ear
      388.00 Degenerative and vascular disorders, unspecified
      388.01 Presbyacusis
      388.02 Transient ischemic deafness
   388.1 Noise effects on inner ear
      388.10 Noise effects on inner ear, unspecified
      388.11 Acoustic trauma (explosive) to ear
         Otitic blast injury
      388.12 Noise-induced hearing loss
   388.2 Sudden hearing loss, unspecified
   388.3 Tinnitus
      388.30 Tinnitus, unspecified
      388.31 Subjective tinnitus
      388.32 Objective tinnitus
   388.4 Other abnormal auditory perception
      388.40 Abnormal auditory perception, unspecified
      388.41 Dipacusis
      388.42 Hyperacusis
      388.43 Impairment of auditory discrimination
      388.44 Recruitment
      388.45 Acquired auditory processing disorder
   388.5 Disorders of acoustic nerve
      Acoustic neuritis
      Degeneration of acoustic or eighth nerve
      Disorder of acoustic or eighth nerve
      Excludes:  acoustic neuroma (225.1)
                 syphilitic acoustic neuritis (094.86)
389 Hearing Loss
389.0 Conductive hearing loss
   389.00 Conductive hearing loss, unspecified
   389.01 Conductive hearing loss, external ear
   389.02 Conductive hearing loss, tympanic membrane
   389.03 Conductive hearing loss, middle ear
   389.04 Conductive hearing loss, inner ear
   389.05 Conductive hearing loss, unilateral
   389.06 Conductive hearing loss, bilateral
   389.08 Conductive hearing loss of combined types
389.1 Sensorineural hearing loss
   Perceptive hearing loss or deafness
   Excludes: abnormal auditory perception (388.40-388.44)
   mixed conductive and sensorineural hearing loss (389.20-389.22)
   psychogenic deafness (306.7)
   389.10 Sensorineural hearing loss, unspecified
   389.11 Sensory hearing loss, bilateral
   389.12 Neural hearing loss, bilateral
   389.13 Neural hearing loss, unilateral
   389.14 Central hearing loss
   389.15 Sensorineural hearing loss, unilateral
   389.16 Sensorineural hearing loss, asymmetrical
   389.17 Sensory hearing loss, unilateral
   389.18 Sensorineural hearing loss, bilateral
389.2 Mixed conductive and sensorineural hearing loss
   Deafness or hearing loss of type classifiable to 389.00 – 389.08 with type
   classifiable to 389.10 – 389.18
   389.20 Mixed hearing loss, unspecified
   389.21 Mixed hearing loss, unilateral
   389.22 Mixed hearing loss, bilateral
389.7 Deaf, non-speaking, not elsewhere classifiable
389.8 Other specified forms of hearing loss
389.9 Unspecified hearing loss
   Deafness NOS

Ch. 7 Diseases of the Circulatory System (390-459)

Cerebrovascular Disease (430-438)
430 Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
431 Intracerebral hemorrhage
432 Other and unspecified intracranial hemorrhage
434 Occlusion of cerebral arteries
435 Transient cerebral ischemia
   435.9 Unspecified transient cerebral ischemia
      Impending CVA
      Intermittent cerebral ischemia
      Transient ischemic attack (TIA)
436 Acute, but ill-defined, cerebrovascular disease
Other and ill-defined cerebrovascular disease
437.0 Cerebral atherosclerosis
437.1 Other generalized ischemic cerebrovascular disease
437.2 Hypertensive encephalopathy
437.3 Cerebral aneurysm, nonruptured
437.9 Unspecified
Cerebrovascular disease or lesion NOS

Late effects of cerebrovascular disease

Note: This category is to be used to indicate conditions in 430-437 as the cause of late effects. The “late effects” include conditions specified as such, or as sequelae, which may occur at any time after the onset of the causal condition.

Cognitive deficits
438.0
Speech and language deficits
438.1
438.10 Speech and language deficits, unspecified
438.11 Aphasia
438.12 Dysphasia
438.13 Dysarthria
438.14 Fluency disorder
Stuttering due to late effect of CVA
438.19 Other speech and language deficits

Other late effects of cerebrovascular disease
438.8
438.81 Apraxia
438.82 Dysphagia
Use additional code to identify the type of dysphagia, if known (787.20-787.29)
438.83 Facial weakness
Facial droop
438.84 Ataxia
438.85 Vertigo
438.89 Other late effects of cerebrovascular disease
Use additional code to identify the late effect

Unspecified late effects of cerebrovascular disease
438.9

Ch. 8 Diseases of the Respiratory System (460-519)

Acute Respiratory Infections (460-466)
462 Acute pharyngitis
463 Acute tonsillitis
464 Acute laryngitis and tracheitis
464.0 Acute laryngitis
464.00 Without mention of obstruction
464.01 With obstruction
464.1 Acute tracheitis
464.10 Without mention of obstruction
464.11 With obstruction
464.2 Acute laryngotracheitis
464.20 Without mention of obstruction
464.21 With obstruction
464.3 Acute epiglottitis
   Viral epiglottitis
   464.30 Without mention of obstruction
   464.31 With obstruction
464.4 Croup
   Croup syndrome
464.5 Supraglottitis, unspecified
   464.50 Without mention of obstruction
   464.51 With obstruction

Other Diseases of the Upper Respiratory Tract (470-478)

474 Chronic disease of tonsils and adenoids
   474.1 Hypertrophy of tonsils adenoids
       474.10 Tonsils with adenoids
       474.11 Tonsils alone
       474.12 Adenoids alone
476 Chronic laryngitis and laryngotracheitis
   476.0 Chronic laryngitis
   476.1 Chronic laryngotracheitis
477 Allergic rhinitis
478 Other diseases of the upper respiratory tract
   478.3 Paralysis of vocal cords or larynx
       478.30 Paralysis, unspecified
       478.31 Unilateral, partial
       478.32 Unilateral, complete
       478.33 Bilateral, partial
       478.34 Bilateral, complete
   478.4 Polyp of vocal cord or larynx
   478.5 Other diseases of vocal cords
   478.6 Edema of larynx
   478.7 Other diseases of larynx, not elsewhere classified
       478.70 Unspecified disease of larynx
       478.71 cellulitis and perichondritis of larynx
       478.74 Stenosis of larynx
       478.75 Laryngeal spasm
       478.79 Other
   478.8 Upper respiratory tract hypersensitivity reaction, site unspecified
       Excludes: hypersensitivity reaction of lower respiratory tract, as:
       Extrinsic allergic alveolitis (495.0-495.9)
       Pneumoconiosis (500-505)

Pneumoconioses and Other Lung Diseases Due to External Agents (500-508)

507 Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids
   507.0 Due to inhalation of food or vomitus
       Aspiration pneumonia due to:
       NOS milk
       food (regurgitated) saliva
       gastric secretions vomitus
Ch. 9 Diseases of the Digestive System (520-579)

Diseases of Oral Cavity, Salivary Glands, and Jaws (520-529)

524 Dentofacial anomalies, including malocclusion
524.0 Major anomalies of jaw size
   524.00 Unspecified anomaly
   524.01 Maxillary hyperplasia
   524.02 Mandibular hyperplasia
   524.03 Maxillary hypoplasia
   524.04 Mandibular hypoplasia
   524.05 Macrogenia
   524.06 Microgenia
   524.07 Excessive tuberosity of jaw
   524.09 Other specified anomaly
524.1 Anomalies of relationship of jaw to cranial base
   524.10 Unspecified anomaly
      Prognathism Retrognathism
   524.11 Maxillary asymmetry
   524.12 Other jaw asymmetry
   524.19 Other specified anomaly
524.2 Anomalies of dental arch relationship
   Anomaly of dental arch
   524.20 Unspecified anomaly of dental arch relationship
   524.21 Malocclusion, Angle’s class I
      Neutro-occlusion
   524.22 Malocclusion, Angle’s class II
      Disto-occlusion Division I
      Disto-occlusion Division II
   524.23 Malocclusion, Angle’s class III
      Mesio-occlusion
   524.24 Open anterior occlusal relationship
      Anterior open bite
   524.25 Open posterior occlusal relationship
      Posterior open bite
   524.26 Excessive horizontal overlap
      Excessive horizontal overjet
   524.27 Reverse articulation
      Anterior articulation
      Crossbite
      Posterior articulation
   524.28 Anomalies of interarch distance
      Excessive interarch distance
      Inadequate interarch distance
   524.29 Other anomalies of dental arch relationship
      Other anomalies of dental arch
524.4 Malocclusion, unspecified
524.5 Dentofacial functional abnormalities
524.50  Dentofacial function abnormality, unspecified
524.51  Abnormal jaw closure
524.52  Limited mandibular range of motion
524.53  Deviation in opening and closing of the mandible
524.54  Insufficient anterior guidance
524.55  Centric occlusion maximum intercuspation discrepancy
524.56  Non-working side interference
524.57  Lack of posterior occlusal support
524.59  Other dentofacial functional abnormalities
  Abnormal swallowing
  Mouth breathing
  Sleep postures
  Tongue, lip, or finger habits
524.6  Temporomandibular joint disorders
524.64  Temporomandibular joint sounds on opening and/or closing the jaw
524.7  Dental alveolar anomalies
524.75  Vertical displacement of alveolus and teeth
524.76  Occlusal plane deviation
524.8  Other specified dentofacial anomalies
524.81  Anterior soft tissue impingement
524.82  Posterior soft tissue impingement
524.89  Other specified dentofacial anomalies
524.9  Unspecified dentofacial anomalies
528  Diseases of the oral soft tissues, excluding lesions specific for gingiva and tongue
528.9  Other and unspecified diseases of the oral soft tissues
  ASHA Note: Such as velopharyngeal incompetence
529  Diseases and other conditions of the tongue
529.8  Other specified conditions of the tongue
  Atrophy (of) tongue
  Crenated (of) tongue
  Enlargement (of) tongue
  Hypertrophy (of) tongue
  Glossocele
  Excludes: erythroplasia of tongue (528.79)
  leukoplakia of tongue (528.6)
  macroglossia (congenital) (750.15)
  microglossia (congenital) (750.16)
  oral submucosal fibrosis (528.8)

Diseases of Esophagus, Stomach, and Duodenum (530-538)
530  Diseases of esophagus
530.8  Other specified disorders of esophagus
530.81  Esophageal reflux
### Ch. 10 Diseases of the Genitourinary System (580-629)

### Ch. 11 Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (630-676)

### Ch. 12 Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue (680-709)

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### Ch. 14 Congenital Anomalies (740-759)

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| 744.1| Accessory auricle |
|      | Accessory tragus |
|      | Polytia |
|      | Preauricular appendage |
|      | Supernumerary ear |
|      | Lobule |

| 744.2| Other specified anomalies of ear |
|      | Excludes: *that with impairment of hearing* (744.00-744.09) |
| 744.21| Absence of ear lobe, congenital |
| 744.22| Macrotia |
| 744.23| Microtia |
| 744.24| Specified anomalies of Eustachian tube |
|      | Absence of Eustachian tube |

| 744.29| Other |
|      | Bat ear |
|      | Darwin’s tubercle |
|      | Pointed ear |
|      | Prominence of auricle |
Ridge ear
Excludes: *preauricular sinus (744.46)*

744.3 Unspecified anomaly of ear
   Congenital:
   - anomaly NOS of ear, NEC
   - deformity NOS of ear, NEC

744.8 Other specified anomalies of face and neck

748 Congenital anomalies of respiratory system
   748.2 Web of larynx
   748.3 Other anomalies of larynx, trachea and bronchus

749 Cleft palate and cleft lip
   749.0 Cleft palate
      - 749.00 Cleft palate, unspecified
      - 749.01 Unilateral, complete
      - 749.02 Unilateral, incomplete
         Cleft uvula
      - 749.03 Bilateral, complete
      - 749.04 Bilateral, incomplete
   749.1 Cleft lip
      - 749.10 Cleft lip, unspecified
      - 749.11 Unilateral, complete
      - 749.12 Unilateral, incomplete
      - 749.13 Bilateral, complete
      - 749.14 Bilateral, incomplete
   749.2 Cleft palate with cleft lip
      - 749.20 Cleft palate with cleft lip, unspecified
      - 749.21 Unilateral, complete
      - 749.22 Unilateral, incomplete
      - 749.23 Bilateral, complete
      - 749.24 Bilateral, incomplete
      - 749.25 Other combinations

750 Other congenital anomalies of upper alimentary tract
   Excludes: *dentofacial anomalies (524.0-524.9)*
   750.0 Tongue tie
      - Ankyloglossia
   750.1 Other anomalies of tongue
      - 750.10 Anomalies of tongue, unspecified
      - 750.11 Aglossia
      - 750.12 Congenital adhesions of tongue
      - 750.13 Fissure of tongue
      - 750.15 Macroglossia
      - 750.16 Microglossia
         Hypoplasia of tongue
      - 750.19 Other
   750.2 Other specified anomalies of mouth and pharynx
      - 750.29 Other specified anomalies of pharynx

754 Certain congenital musculoskeletal deformities
   754.0 Of skull, face, and jaw

758 Chromosomal anomalies
Includes: syndromes associated with anomalies in the number and form of chromosomes
Use additional codes for conditions associated with the chromosomal anomalies

758.0  Down’s syndrome
   Mongolism
   Translocation Down’s syndrome
   Trisomy:
      21 or 22
      G

758.2  Edward’s syndrome
   Trisomy:
      18
      E3

758.3  Autosomal deletion syndromes
   758.31  Cri-du-chat syndrome
   758.32  Velo-cardio-facial syndrome
   758.33  Other microdeletions
      Miller-Dieker syndrome
      Smith-Magenis syndrome

758.5  Other conditions due to autosomal anomalies

758.7  Klinefelter’s syndrome (males only)
   XXX syndrome

758.8  Other conditions due to chromosome anomalies

758.9  Conditions due to anomaly of unspecified chromosome

Ch. 15  Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period (760-779)

Other Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period (764-779)

779  Other and ill-defined conditions originating in the perinatal period
   779.3  Disorder of stomach function and feeding problems in newborn
      779.31  Feeding problems in newborn
         Slow feeding in newborn
         Excludes:  feeding problem in child over 28 days old (783.3)
      779.34  Failure to thrive in newborn
         Excludes:  failure to thrive in child over 28 days old (783.41)

Ch. 16  Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-defined Conditions (780-799)

Symptoms (780-789)

780  General symptoms
   780.4  Dizziness and giddiness
      Light-headedness
      Vertigo NOS
      Excludes:  Meniere’s disease and other specified vertiginous syndromes
         (386.0-386.9)
   780.9  Other general symptoms
      780.93  Memory loss
         Amnesia (retrograde)
         Memory loss NOS
         Excludes:  memory loss due to:
            intercranial injuries (850.0-854.19)
skull fractures (800.00-801.99, 803.00-804.99) 
mild memory disturbance due to organic brain 
damage (310.8)

781 Symptoms involving nervous and musculoskeletal systems
781.3 Lack of coordination
   Ataxia NOS
   Muscular incoordination
781.8 Neurological neglect syndrome
   Asomatognosia
   Left-sided neglect
   Hemi-akinesia
   Sensory extinction
   Hemi-inattention
   Sensory neglect
   Hemispatial neglect
   Visuospatial neglect
781.9 Other symptoms involving nervous and musculoskeletal systems
781.94 Facial weakness
   Facial droop
   Excludes: facial weakness due to late effect of CVA (438.83)

783 Symptoms concerning nutrition, metabolism, and development
783.3 Feeding difficulties and mismanagement
   Feeding problem (elderly) (infant)
   Excludes: feeding disturbance or problems:
   in newborn (779.31-779.34)
   of nonorganic origin (307.50-307.59)
783.4 Lack of expected normal physiological development in childhood
783.40 Lack of normal physiological development, unspecified
   Inadequate development
   Lack of development
783.41 Failure to thrive
   Failure to gain weight
   Excludes: failure to thrive in newborn (779.34)
783.42 Delayed milestones
   Late talker
   Late walker

784 Symptoms involving head and neck
784.3 Aphasia
   Excludes: aphasia due to late effects of cerebrovascular disease
   (483.11)
   developmental aphasia (315.31)
784.4 Voice and resonance disorders
784.40 Voice and resonance disorder, unspecified
784.41 Aphonia
   Loss of voice
784.42 Dysphonia
   Hoarseness
784.43 Hypernasality
784.44 Hyponasality
784.49 Other voice and resonance disorders
   Change in voice
784.5 Other speech disturbance
Excludes: speech disorder due to late effect of CVA (438.10-438.19) stuttering (315.35)

784.51 Dysarthria
Excludes: Dysarthria due to late effect of CVA (438.13)

784.52 Fluency disorder in conditions classified elsewhere
Stuttering in conditions classified elsewhere
Code first underlying disease or condition, such as Parkinson’s disease (332.0)
Excludes: adult onset fluency disorder (307.0) childhood onset fluency disorder (315.35) fluency disorder due to late effect of CVA (438.14)

784.59 Other speech disturbance
Dysphasia
Slurred speech
Speech disturbance NOS

784.6 Other symbolic dysfunction
Excludes: developmental learning delays (315.0-315.9)

784.60 Symbolic dysfunction, unspecified

784.61 Alexia and dyslexia
Alexia (with agraphia)

784.69 Other
Acalculia
Difficulty performing simple mathematical tasks
Agnosia
Loss of ability to recognize objects, persons, sounds, shapes, or smells
Agraphia NOS
Apraxia
Loss of the ability to execute or carry out movements

786 Symptoms involving respiratory system and other chest symptoms

786.0 Dyspnea and respiratory abnormalities

786.09 Other
Respiratory:
distress
insufficiency
Excludes: respiratory distress:
following trauma and surgery (518.52) newborn (770.89) respiratory failure (518.81, 518.83-518.84) newborn (770.84) syndrome (newborn) (769) adult (518.52)

786.2 Cough
Excludes: cough:
psychogenic (306.1) smokers’ (491.0) with hemorrhage (786.39)
787 Symptoms involving digestive system
787.2 Dysphagia
   
   Code first, if applicable, dysphagia due to late effect of CVA (438.82)
787.20 Dysphagia, unspecified
787.21 Dysphagia, oral phase
787.22 Dysphagia, oropharyngeal phase
787.23 Dysphagia, pharyngeal phase
787.24 Dysphagia, pharyngoesophageal phase
787.29 Other dysphagia
   Cervical dysphagia
   Neurogenic dysphagia

Nonspecific Abnormal Findings (790-796)
794 Nonspecific abnormal results of function studies
   794.0 Brain and central nervous system
   794.00 Abnormal function study, unspecified
   794.09 Other
      Abnormal brain scan
   794.1 Peripheral nervous system and special senses
   794.13 Abnormal visually evoked potential
   794.15 Abnormal auditory function studies
   794.16 Abnormal vestibular function studies

Ill-Defined and Unknown Causes of Morbidity and Mortality (797-799)
797 Senility without mention of psychosis
   Frailty
   Old age
   Senescence
   Senile asthenia
   Senile:
      debility
      exhaustion
   Excludes: senile psychoses (290.0-290.9)
799 Other ill-defined and unknown causes of morbidity and mortality
   799.5 Signs and symptoms involving cognition
      Excludes: amnesia (780.93)
      amnestic syndrome (294.0)
      attention deficit disorder (314.00-314.01)
      late effects of cerebrovascular disease (438)
      memory loss (780.93)
      mild cognitive impairment, so stated (331.83)
      specific problems in developmental delay (315.00-315.9)
      transient global amnesia (437.7)
      visuospatial neglect (781.8)
   799.51 Attention or concentration deficit
   799.52 Cognitive communication deficit
   799.53 Visuospatial deficit
   799.54 Psychomotor deficit
Ch. 17 Injury and Poisoning (800-999)

Fracture of Skull (800-804)

800 Fracture of vault skull
801 Fracture of base skull
802 Fracture of face bones
803 Other and unqualified skull fractures
804 Multiple fractures involving skull or face with other bones

Fracture of Neck and Trunk (805-809)

805 Fracture of vertebral column without mention of spinal cord injury
807 Fracture of rib(s), sternum, larynx, and trachea
  807.5 Larynx and trachea, closed
    Hyoid bone
    Thyroid cartilage
    Trachea
  807.6 Larynx and trachea, open

Intracranial Injury, Excluding Those with Skull Fractures (850-854)

850 Concussion
851 Cerebral laceration and contusion
852 Subarachnoid, subdural, and extradural hemorrhage, following injury
853 Other and unspecified intracranial hemorrhage following injury
854 Intracranial injury of other and unspecified nature
  Includes injury:
    brain NOS
    cavernous sinus
    intracranial
    traumatic brain NOS
  Excludes: any condition classifiable to 850-853
    head injury NOS (959.01)

Open Wound of Head, Neck, and Trunk (870-879)

872 Open wound of ear
873 Other open wound of head
874 Open wound of neck

Late Effects of Injuries, Poisonings, Toxic Effects, and Other External Causes (905-909)

905 Late effects of musculoskeletal and connective tissue injuries
  905.0 Late effect of fracture of skull and face bones
    Late effect of injury classifiable to 800-804
  907 Late effects of injuries to nervous system
    907.0 Late effect of intracranial injury without mention of skull fracture
      Late effect of injury classifiable to 805-854

Effects of Foreign Body Entering Through Orifice (930-939)

931 Foreign body in ear
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<td>Foreign body in pharynx and larynx</td>
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<td>Foreign body in trachea, bronchus, and lung</td>
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<td>Foreign body in mouth, esophagus, and stomach</td>
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**Injury to Nerves and Spinal Cord (950-957)**

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<td>Injury to other cranial nerve(s)</td>
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**Certain Traumatic Complications and Unspecified Injuries (958-959)**

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<td>Head, face, and neck</td>
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<td>Head injury, unspecified</td>
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**Complications of Surgical and Medical Care, Not Elsewhere Classified (996-999)**

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<td>997.3</td>
<td>Respiratory complications</td>
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<td>997.32</td>
<td>Postprocedural aspiration pneumonia</td>
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<td>Chemical pneumonitis resulting from a procedure</td>
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<td>Excludes: aspiration pneumonia during labor and delivery (668.0)</td>
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V Codes

Supplementary Classification of Factors Influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (V01-V82)

The V codes are provided to deal with occasions when circumstances other than a disease or injury classifiable to categories 001-999 (the main part of ICD), or to the E codes (supplementary classification of external causes of injury and poisoning), are recorded as “diagnoses” or “problems.” This can arise mainly in three ways:

a. When a person who is not currently sick encounters the health services for some specific purpose, such as a donor of an organ or tissue, to receive prophylactic vaccination, or to discuss a problem which is in itself not a disease or injury. This will be a fairly rare occurrence among hospital inpatients, but will be relatively more common among hospital outpatients and patients of family practitioners, health clinics, etc.

b. When a person with a known disease or injury, whether it is current or resolving, encounters the health care system for a specific treatment of that disease or injury (e.g., dialysis for renal disease; chemotherapy for malignancy; cast change).

c. When some circumstance or problem is present which influences the person’s health status but is not in itself a current illness or injury. Such factors may be elicited during population surveys, when the person may or may not be currently sick, or be recorded as an additional factor to be borne in mind when the person is receiving care for some current illness or injury classifiable to categories 001-999.

In the latter circumstances the V code should be used only as a supplementary code and should not be the one selected for use in primary, single cause tabulations. Examples of these circumstances are a personal history of certain diseases, or a person with an artificial heart valve in situ.

Persons with Potential Health Hazards Related to Personal and Family History (V10-V19)

V13 Personal history of other diseases
  V13.6 Congenital (corrected) malformations
    V13.64 Personal history of (corrected) congenital malformation of eye, ear, face and neck
    Corrected cleft lip and palate
    V13.69 Personal history of other (corrected) congenital malformations

V15 Other personal history presenting hazards to health
  V15.5 Injury
    V15.52 History of traumatic brain injury

Persons with a Condition Influencing Their Health Status (V40-V49)

Note: These categories are intended for use when these conditions are recorded as “diagnoses” or “problems.”

V40 Mental and behavioral problems
  V40.0 Problems with learning
  V40.1 Problems with communication (including speech)
V40.2  Other mental problems  
V40.3  Other behavioral problems  
V40.9  Unspecified mental or behavioral problems  

V41  Problems with special senses and other special functions  
V41.0  Problems with sight  
V41.0  Other eye problems  
V41.2  Problems with hearing  
V41.3  Other ear problems  
V41.4  Problems with voice production  
V41.6  Problems with swallowing and mastication  

V44  Artificial opening status  
   Excludes artificial openings requiring attention or management (V55.0-V55.9)  
V44.0  Tracheostomy  
V44.8  Other artificial opening status  

V49  Other conditions influencing health status  
V49.8  Other specified conditions influencing health status  
V49.85  Dual-sensory impairment  
   Blindness with deafness  
   Combined visual hearing impairment  
   Code first:  
      hearing impairment (389.00-389.9)  
      visual impairment (369.00-369.9)  

Persons Encountering Health Services for Specific Procedures and Aftercare (V50-V59)  

Note: Categories V51-V58 are intended for use to indicate a reason for care in patients who may have already been treated for some disease or injury not now present, or who are receiving care to consolidate the treatment, to deal with residual states, or to prevent recurrence.  

V52  Fitting and adjustment of prosthetic device and implant  
V52.8  Other specified prosthetic device  
V52.9  Unspecified prosthetic device  

V53  Fitting and adjustment of other device  
   Includes:  
      removal of device  
      replacement of device  
   Excludes:  
      status only, without need for care (V45.0-V45.8)  
V53.2  Hearing aid  

V55  Attention to artificial openings  
   Excludes:  
      complications of external stoma (519.00-519.09, 569.60-569.69, 596.81-596.83, 997.49, 997.5)  
V55.0  Tracheostomy  
V55.9  Unspecified artificial opening  

V57  Care involving use of rehabilitation procedures  
V57.0  Breathing exercises  
V57.3  Speech-language therapy  
V57.8  Other specified rehabilitation procedure  
V57.9  Unspecified rehabilitation procedure  

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V58 Encounter for other and unspecified procedures
  V58.1 Chemotherapy

*Persons Encountering Health Services in Other Circumstances (V60-V69)*

V67 Follow-up examination
  Includes: surveillance only following treatment

V68 Encounters for administrative purposes
  V68.0 Issue of medical certificates
    V68.01 Disability examination
  V68.2 Request for expert evidence
  V68.8 Other specified administrative purpose
    V68.81 Referral of patient without examination or treatment
    V68.89 Other

*Persons without Reported Diagnosis Encountered During Examination and Investigation of Individuals and Populations (V70-V82)*

V72 Special investigations and examinations
  Includes: routine examination of specific system
    V72.1 Examination of ears and hearing
      V72.11 Encounter for hearing exam following failed hearing screening
      V72.12 Encounter for hearing conservation and treatment
      V72.19 Other exam of ears and hearing

V79 Special screening for mental disorders and other developmental handicaps
  V79.2 Intellectual disabilities
  V79.3 Developmental handicaps in early childhood
  V79.8 Other specified mental disorders and developmental handicaps
  V79.9 Unspecified mental disorder and developmental handicap

V80 Special screening for neurological, eye, and ear diseases
  V80.1 Neurological conditions
    V80.01 Traumatic brain injury
    V80.09 Other neurological conditions
  V80.3 Ear diseases
    Excludes: general hearing exam (V72.1)
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Procedures

Volume 3 contains tabular lists of 16 categories of operations or procedures that have been adopted for inpatient procedures reported by hospitals.

4. **Operations on the Ear (18-20)**
   
   20 Other operations on middle and inner ear
   20.3 Diagnostic procedures on middle and inner ear
   20.31 Electrocochleography

6. **Operations on the Respiratory System (30-34)**

   31 Other operations on larynx and trachea
   31.4 Diagnostic procedures on larynx and trachea
   31.42 Laryngoscopy and other tracheoscopy
   31.48 Other diagnostic procedure on larynx
   31.9 Other operation on larynx and trachea
   31.95 Tracheoesophageal fistulization

16. **Miscellaneous. Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures (87-99)**

   87 Diagnostic Radiology
   87.6 Other X-ray of digestive system
   87.61 Barium swallow

   93 Physical therapy, respiration therapy, rehabilitation, and related procedures
   93.7 Speech and reading rehabilitation and rehabilitation of the blind
   93.71 Dyslexia training
   93.72 Dysphasia training
   93.73 Esophageal speech training
   93.74 Speech defect training
   93.75 Other speech training and therapy
   93.78 Other rehabilitation for the blind
   93.8 Other rehabilitation therapy
   93.89 Rehabilitation, not elsewhere classified

   94 Procedures related to the psyche
   94.0 Psychologic evaluation and testing
   94.01 Administration of intelligence test
   94.02 Administration of psychologic test
   94.5 Referral for psychologic rehabilitation

   95 Ophthalmologic and otologic diagnosis and treatment
   95.4 Nonoperative procedures related to hearing
   95.41 Audiometry
   Bekesy 5-tone audiometry
   Impedance audiometry
   Stapedial reflex response
   Subjective audiometry
   Tympanogram
95.42 Clinical test of hearing
   Tuning fork test
   Whispered speech test
95.43 Audiological evaluation
   Audiological evaluation by:
   - Barany noise machine
   - Blindfold test
   - Delayed feedback
   - Masking
   - Weber lateralization
95.44 Clinical vestibular function tests
   Thermal test of vestibular function
95.46 Other auditory and vestibular function tests
95.47 Hearing examination, not otherwise specified
95.48 Fitting of hearing aid
   Excludes: *implantation of electromagnetic hearing aid (20.95)*
95.49 Other nonoperative procedures related to hearing
   Adjustments (external components) of cochlear prosthetic device
97 Replacement and removal of therapeutic appliances
97.3 Nonoperative removal of therapeutic device from head and neck
97.37 Removal of tracheostomy tube
Coding Normal Results Questions and Answers

Many third party payers will not reimburse for audiology or speech-language pathology services when the results of an evaluation are reported simply as within normal limits. This column describes how to use International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Edition, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) codes when normal results are found and provides examples for major communication and related complaints that prompt the referral.

What if a speech-language pathologist or audiologist performs diagnostic testing that produces a normal result?

The signs and symptoms, chief complaint, or reason(s) for the encounter should be reported as the primary diagnosis. The audiologist or speech-language pathologist should also use additional codes that describe any co-existing or chronic conditions. Do not code conditions that were previously treated and no longer exist, although history codes may be used as secondary codes if the historical condition or family history has an impact on current care or influences treatment.

Are any instructions available on how to code when the results of an audiology or a speech-language assessment are normal?

A description of how to report an uncertain diagnosis is found in Section IV.I of the ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting: “Do not code diagnoses documented as ‘probable’, ‘suspected’, ‘questionable’, ‘rule out’, or ‘working diagnosis’ or other similar terms indicating uncertainty. Rather, code the condition(s) to the highest degree of certainty for that encounter/visit, such as symptoms, signs, abnormal test results, or other reason for the visit.” The Official Guidelines are available at www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd9cm_addenda_guidelines.htm.

Has Medicare issued any instructions?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued ICD-9-CM Coding Guidelines for Diagnostic Tests in a Program Memorandum dated September 26, 2001 (Transmittal AB-01-144, Change Request 1724). This PM (now §10.1 of Chapter 23 of Medicare Claims Manual) directs practitioners to report diagnoses based on test results. In Section B., Instructions to Determine the Reason for the Test, CMS states that the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) required referring physicians to provide diagnostic information to the testing entity at the time the test is ordered. All diagnostic tests paid by CMS must be ordered by the physician who is treating the beneficiary. If the physician does not provide diagnostic information, and is unavailable to provide such information, it is appropriate to obtain the information directly from the patient or the patient’s medical record. However, an attempt should be made to confirm any information obtained by the patient by contacting the referring physician.
Can you provide examples of signs and symptoms for voice disorders?

(The complaint is listed in the first column and the corresponding ICD-9-CM code and disease, disorder or condition descriptor is in the second column. Many of the codes are from the Symptom, Signs, and Ill-Defined Conditions section [780-799] of the ICD-9-CM manual.)

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<th>784.40 Voice and resonance disorder, unspecified or 784.41 Aphonia, loss of voice</th>
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<td>Hoarse/breathy/harsh/ voice</td>
<td>784.42 Dysphonia, Hoarseness</td>
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<td>Nasal voice</td>
<td>784.43 Hypernasality</td>
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<td>Denasal voice</td>
<td>784.44 Hyponasality</td>
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<td>High pitch; low pitch</td>
<td>784.49 Other voice and resonance disorder</td>
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<td>Voice disturbance</td>
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Can you provide examples of signs and symptoms for swallowing disorders?

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<th>History of aspiration or aspiration pneumonia</th>
<th>507.0 Pneumonitis due to inhalation of food or vomitus</th>
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<td>Problems with swallowing, oral phase</td>
<td>787.21 Dysphagia, oral phase</td>
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<td>Problems with swallowing, pharyngeal phase</td>
<td>787.23 Dysphagia, oral phase</td>
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<td>Cough</td>
<td>786.2 Cough</td>
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<td>Esophageal reflux</td>
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<td>Facial weakness</td>
<td>781.94 Facial weakness</td>
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<td>Feeding difficulty</td>
<td>783.3 Feeding difficulties and mismanagement</td>
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Can you provide examples of signs or symptoms associated with aphasia or other expressive/receptive language disorders?

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<th>Difficulty speaking</th>
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<td>Unintelligible speech</td>
<td>784.51 Dysarthria</td>
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<td>Difficulty understanding spoken language</td>
<td>784.3 Aphasia</td>
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<td>Difficulty understanding written language</td>
<td>784.61 Alexia and dyslexia: Alexia (with agraphia)</td>
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<td>Difficulty reading/writing</td>
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<td>Difficulty remembering words</td>
<td>784.3 or 310.8 Mild memory disturbance due to organic brain damage</td>
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<td>Difficulty expressing thoughts</td>
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<td>Difficulty processing information</td>
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<td>Cognitive deficits</td>
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<td>Word retrieval difficulties</td>
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<td>Difficulty with word meaning</td>
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The above lists are useful to audiologists as well. Do you have other examples of signs and symptoms that will be useful to audiologists?

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<td>Unspecified hearing loss</td>
<td>389.9 Unspecified hearing loss</td>
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<td>Tinnitus</td>
<td>388.30 Tinnitus</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vertigo</td>
<td>780.4 Vertigo</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dizziness</td>
<td>780.4 Dizziness and giddiness</td>
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<td>Ear pain</td>
<td>388.70 Otalgia, unspecified</td>
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<td>Aural fullness</td>
<td>388.8 Other disorders of the ear</td>
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<td>Discharging ear</td>
<td>388.60 Otorrhea, unspecified</td>
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<td>Delayed speech and language development</td>
<td>315.31 Expressive language disorder or 783.42</td>
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<td>Articulation errors</td>
<td>315.39 Developmental articulation disorder or 783.42</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unintelligible speech</td>
<td>315.39 or 783.42</td>
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<td>Difficulty hearing in noise</td>
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<tr>
<td>Acoustic trauma</td>
<td>388.11 Acoustic trauma (explosive) to ear</td>
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<td>Facial weakness</td>
<td>781.94 Facial weakness, Facial droop</td>
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<tr>
<td>Facial numbness</td>
<td>782.0 Disturbance of skin sensation</td>
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<td>History of tympanic membrane perforation</td>
<td>384.20 Perforation of the tympanic membrane, unspecified</td>
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<tr>
<td>History of noise exposure</td>
<td>388.10 Noise effects on inner ear, unspecified</td>
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Where can I obtain a complete list of the ICD-9-CM codes?

The complete ICD-9-CM is available in medical libraries, medical center billing offices, or may be purchased online at [www.ingenix.com](http://www.ingenix.com).

Questions about coding can be sent to reimbursement@asha.org.
Code to the Highest Degree of Specificity

Clinicians who must select ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes should use codes that provide the highest degree of accuracy and completeness, or the greatest specificity. That usually means providing an ICD-9-CM code carried to the 5th digit. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require all Medicare practitioners (as do most private payers) to use ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes with the highest specificity as requested by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). For example, clinicians using code 784.6 (symbolic dysfunction) to describe language/cognitive impairments of an organic nature may have this code rejected. Because this code category has 5th digit subclassifications, the most appropriate subclassifications should be selected. This might be 784.60 (symbolic dysfunction, unspecified), 784.61 (alexia and dyslexia) or 784.69 (other; aaculculia, agnosia, agraphia, apraxia). Code 784.69 is intended to include multiple diagnoses, some of which may differ significantly, according to David Berglund, MD, MPH, at the National Center for Health Statistics/Centers for Disease Control, but it provides the highest level of specificity in that category and therefore should be used instead of 784.6. Keep in mind that 784.60, 784.61, and 784.69 are subclassifications of 784.6, so when you use those codes, you are not excluding 784.6.

Following the specificity rule, therefore, assign 3 digit codes when there are no 4 digit codes within the category. (So far, only one 3-digit code relevant for ASHA members has been found, 931—foreign body in ear.) Assign 4 digit codes if there is no 5th digit subclassification for that category. Assign the 5th digit subclassification code for those categories where it exists.

Providers should also be aware that codes marked NOS (not otherwise specified) or “unspecified” indicate that there is insufficient information in the medical record to assign a more specific code. NEC (not elsewhere classifiable) means that ICD-9-CM does not have a code that describes the condition.
Transitioning to ICD-10

Beginning **October 1, 2015**, health care providers will be required to use the new ICD-10 system, which will replace the current ICD-9-CM (International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification) Volumes 1, 2, and 3 used to report health care diagnoses, disorders, and inpatient hospital procedures. The new ICD-10 will include the ICD-10-CM (clinical modification) for diagnosis codes and the ICD-10-PCS (procedure coding system) for inpatient hospital procedures.

For more information on the transition, please visit ASHA’s Billing & Reimbursement Web site at [www.asha.org/Practice/reimbursement/coding/ICD-10/](http://www.asha.org/Practice/reimbursement/coding/ICD-10/).