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- Assign separate codes for each injury unless a combination code is provided.
- · Code the most serious injury is sequenced first.
  - Superficial injuries are not coded when associated with more severe injuries of the same site.
  - Primary injury, with minor damage to peripheral nerves, spinal cord or blood vessels, is sequenced first.
  - Primary injury to blood vessels or nerves should be sequenced first.



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# Coding of Injuries

- <u>Do not</u> assign code T07 Unspecified multiple injuries unless information for a more specific code is not available.
- <u>Do not</u> assign Multiple injury codes unless information for a more specific code is not available.
- <u>Do not</u> assign traumatic injury codes for normal, healing surgical wounds or to identify complications of surgical wounds.



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### Code Extensions

- A initial encounter
- D subsequent encounter
- S sequela

#### **CODERS TIP**

 Remember, the seventh character must always be the seventh character in the data field. If a code that requires a seventh character is not six characters in length, a placeholder X must be used to fill in the empty characters.



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Example	
<ul> <li>Jill presents to emergency department with complaints of a fall in her bathroom at her house. She slipped on a towel while getting out of the shower and twisted her ankle. Her left ankle is swollen and</li> </ul>	
she cannot bear full weight on it. An X-ray indicates no fracture. She is diagnosed with a sprain of the left anterior talofibular ligament. Her ankle is wrapped, she is given crutches, and informed to take	
Motrin for pain.	
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Example	
<ul> <li>S93.492A Sprain of other ligament of left ankle, initial encounter</li> <li>W01.0XXA Fall on same level from slipping, tripping, and stumbling</li> </ul>	
without subsequent striking against object, initial encounter	
Y92.012 Bathroom of single-family (private) house as the place of occurrence of the external cause     Y03.51 Activity proposal bething and observation.	
Y93.E1 Activity, personal bathing and showering	
AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	
Example	
Cathy returns to the ED for a recheck of her right forearm	·
laceration. The dressing was removed and the wound was checked and is healing well.	
S51.811D Laceration without foreign body of right forearm,	
subsequent encounter	
AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	

Example	
<ul> <li>Michael presents with complaints of scar contracture from his 2nd degree burn to the left knee.</li> </ul>	
L90.5 Scar conditions and fibrosis of skin T24.222S Burn of second degree of left knee, sequela	
AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	
Open Wounds	
Wounds are classified by	-
Type of wound     Laceration	
<ul><li>Puncture</li><li>Open bite</li><li>Unspecified open wound</li></ul>	
• Site • Laterality	
With/without foreign body Encounter	
AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	
Example	
<ul> <li>A patient presents to the ED for a recheck of a puncture wound to her left foot sustained after stepping on a nail.</li> </ul>	
On the initial visit, the nail was found to be imbedded in the wound and was removed.	
S91.342D Puncture wound with foreign body, left foot,	
subsequent encounter	
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Example	
<ul> <li>Patient presents to emergency department after being involved is bar brawl. He has a handgun wound to the right lower abdomen</li> </ul>	in a
surgeon took the patient to the operating room to remove the bu which was still lodged in the abdominal wall. No additional	
information was available from the patient regarding the injury.	
S31.143A Puncture wound of abdominal wall with foreign body, rig	ht —
lower quadrant, initial encounter X93.XXXA Assault by handgun discharge, initial encounter	
Y92.89 Other specified places as the place of occurrence of the extrause	iernal
AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Departm	ent
Example	
<ul> <li>A patient presents to the Emergency department with a laceratio the left hand with glass shards embedded into it after a patient go</li> </ul>	
into a fight. The patient works at a prison, where the altercation occurred in the courtyard.	
COM 400A Leasesting with fearing back, of left band initial	
S61.422A Laceration with foreign body of left hand, initial encounter	
Y04.0XXA Assault by unarmed brawl or fight Y92.147 Courtyard of prison as place of occurrence of exteri	nal
cause	
Y99.0 Civilian activity done for income or pay  (**)AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Departm	
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Traumatic Dislocations	
Codes include:	
• Joint	
• Laterality	
Extent of the dislocation	
Position of the dislocation	

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Traur	natic Dislocations	
Extent of the Dislocation     Subluxation     Dislocation     Percentage	ation	
(F)AAPC	Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	
Position - Anterior - Posterior - Inferior - Laterally	matic Dislocations	
	injury bearing in the Enrolgency Department	
	Example	
swinging on a swing se landed on her feet but f outstretched right arm. her Shoulder and was i	ed from her swing while she was but in a public park. She states she fiell forward and landed on her When she stood up she had pain at unable to lift her arm. Plain films were: Anterior partial dislocation of right humerus	
W18.39XA Other fall or Y93.89 Activity, other s	luxation of right humerus, initial encounter n same level, initial encounter pecified s the place of occurrence of the external cause	
(T)AAPC	Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	

Open Dislocations	
Not a combination code in ICD-10-CM	
<ul> <li>Two codes are needed to identify the injury</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Dislocation or subluxation</li> <li>Associated open wound</li> </ul>	
Associated open would	
<ul> <li>Instructional note at the beginning of each dislocation category directs coder</li> </ul>	
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Example	
<ul> <li>Jessie was knocked down while feeding her pigs on the farm.</li> <li>She attempted to catch herself on her outstretch left forearm</li> </ul>	
resulting in an open anterior dislocation of the left humerus.	
• ICD-9-CM	
831.11 Anterior dislocation of humerus, open	
ICD-10-CM     S43.015A Anterior dislocation of left humerus, initial encounter	
S41.042A Puncture wound with foreign body of left shoulder, initial encounter	
AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	
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Connective Tissue & Muscle Injuries	
• Anatomy	
- Fascia - Cartilage	
- Tendons	
- Ligaments	
<ul><li>Flexor muscles</li><li>Extensor muscles</li></ul>	
- Adductor muscles	
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(Y)AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	

Example	
<ul> <li>While playing basketball with some friends, Tim was attempting to pivot around another player when he bumped into them and lost his</li> </ul>	
balance, placing his weight on the pivoting left foot and wrenching his knee. He was initially seen in the ED and referred to Orthopedics. MRI studies show a complex tear of lateral meniscus.	
\$83.272A Complex tear of lateral meniscus, current injury, left knee,	
initial encounter W51.XXXA Accidental striking against or bumped into by another	
person, initial encounter Y93.67 Activity, basketball	
AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	
Fuernels	
Example	
James has a two day history of right groin pain. He states he woke up with the pain Sunday and it has continued since that	
time. Upon exam the area does not appear red or hot to touch.  There is minor swelling in the area and there is pain to touch.	
Movement is localized to the inner thigh. Assessment: Strained groin muscle.	
S76.211A Strain of adductor muscle, fascia and tendon of right	
thigh, initial encounter	
AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	
Connective Tissue & Muscle Injuries	
• Fasciitis	
• Strains	
• Sprains	
- Grade 1 - Grade 2	
- Grade 3	
AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	

While playing socor at school, Keegan attempted to retrieve the ball and collided with an opposing team player. Upon attempting to stand he states he immediately felt pain upon standing and ambulating. MRI was reviewed and demonstrates a partial PCL tear of the right knee.  \$35.521A Sprain of the posterior cruciate ligament of the right knee, initial encounter  **Warrows and Corrosions**  Burns and Corrosions  Burns are classified in ICD-10 according to:  - Type  - Thermal burns  - Corrosions  - Site  - Degree/depth  - Agent  **PAARC**  **Agent Surps and Corrosions**  **Burns and Corrosions**  **Site**  - Degree/depth  - Agent  **PAARC**  **Agent Surps and Registery Impedience**  **Burns and Corrosions**  - Sequence first the code that reflects the highest degree of burn when more than one burn is present.	Example	
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Example	
<ul> <li>Patient presents to the emergency room after burning herself with coffee. She has a second degree burn on her right forearm and a first degree burn on her right wrist.</li> </ul>	
T22.211A Burn of second degree of right forearm, initial	-
encounter	
T23.171A Burn of first degree of right wrist, initial encounter X10.0XXA Contact with hot drinks, initial encounter	
AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	
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Burns and Corrosions	
<ul> <li>Classify burns of the same local site, three-character category level (T20-T28) but of different degrees to the</li> </ul>	
subcategory identifying the highest degree recorded in the diagnosis.	
diagnosis.	
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Example	
A patient presents to the ED with her son. He burned his	
thigh with a lighter. He has first and second degree burns to his left thigh.	
T24.212A Burn of second degree of left thigh, initial encounter	
X08.8XXA Exposure to other specified smoke, fire and flames	
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- Non-healing burns are coded as acute burns. Necrosis of burned skin should be coded as a non-healed burn.
- For any documented infected burn site, use an additional code for the infection.
- Assign separate codes for each burn site.



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### Example

 Patient presents for follow up on his burns. He has a healing second degree burn on his right palm and he wants to discuss the scar contracture on his left forearm from a second degree burn.

T23.251D Burn of second degree of right palm, subsequent encounter

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T22.212S Burn of second degree of left forearm, sequela



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## Burns and corrosions

- Category T31, Burns classified according to extent of body surface involved
- Category T32, Corrosions classified according to extent of body surface involved
- · Combination codes that indicate:
  - Total body surface area burned; and
  - Total body surface area that is 3rd degree burns



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Burns and corrosions	
Rule of Nines	
<ul><li>Each upper extremity = 9 percent</li><li>Head and neck = 9 percent</li></ul>	
Anterior trunk = 18 percent	
<ul><li>Posterior trunk=</li><li>Each lower extremity =</li><li>18 percent</li><li>18 percent</li></ul>	
• Genitalia = 1 percent	
AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	
External Cause	
• Used with Any Code in the Range of A00.0–T88.9, Z00–Z99	
<ul> <li>External Cause Code Used for Length of Treatment</li> <li>Use the Full Range of External Cause Codes</li> </ul>	
Assign as Many External Cause Codes as Necessary     External Cause Code Can Never Be a Principal Diagnosis	
Combination External Cause Codes	
No External Cause Code Needed in Certain Circumstances	
AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	
Place of Occurrence	
Category Y92	
<ul> <li>Identify the location of patient at time of injury</li> <li>Secondary codes listed after other external cause codes</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Listed only on initial encounter</li> <li>No 7<sup>th</sup> character extender</li> </ul>	
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Activity Code	
Category Y93	
<ul> <li>Identify the activity of the patient at the time of injury</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Secondary code listed after other external cause codes</li> <li>Listed only on initial encounter</li> </ul>	
- Only one activity code should be listed per encounter	
<ul> <li>No 7<sup>th</sup> character extender</li> </ul>	
AAPC Injury Coding in the Emergency Department	
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External Cause Status	
<ul> <li>Category Y99</li> <li>Assign when any other external is reported</li> </ul>	
Indicates the work status of patient at time of injury or when condition occurred	
<ul> <li>Do not assign a Status code for</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>Poisonings</li><li>Adverse effects</li></ul>	
<ul><li>Misadventures</li><li>Late effects</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>Listed only on the initial encounter</li> <li>No 7<sup>th</sup> character extender</li> </ul>	
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Example	
A patient presents after cutting herself while washing dishes in the	
kitchen of her apartment after dinner. Patient states that she put her hand in the dishwater and grabbed a steak knife. She ran the	
sponge down the knife to clean it, thinking it was turned down, but it was not. She comes to the surgical center with a laceration without	
foreign body to the palm of her left hand. Wound was cleaned and sutures were placed.	
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	Example	
<ul> <li>S61.412A Laceration initial encounter</li> </ul>	without foreign body of left hand,	
<ul> <li>W26.0XXA Contact v</li> </ul>	with knife, initial encounter	
Y92.030 Kitchen in apartment as the place of occurrence of the external cause		
Y93.G1 Activity, food preparation and clean up		
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