

Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)

In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding Professionals for ICD-10, the following is provided with an educational intent.

TIP: In ICD-10, the term “congestive” is considered a non-essential term for heart failure. ICD-10 has no code for “congestive” heart failure; the term is included in code I50.9 - Unspecified heart failure.

In order to assign appropriate ICD-10 code for heart failure, documentation of the term “congestive” is not required. When documentation of systolic and/or diastolic heart failure is present, “congestive” is included in the code(s) I50.2 Systolic (congestive) heart failure, I50.3 Diastolic (congestive) heart failure or I50.4 Combined systolic (congestive) and Diastolic (congestive) heart failure.

ICD-Trivia: What ICD-10 CM code is assigned when acute pulmonary edema is present with heart failure?

ICD-Trivia Answer: I50.1 Left ventricular failure is assigned for the diagnosis (acute, chronic, unspecified) pulmonary edema with heart failure.