

Excludes 2 Means: Not Included Here

In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding and Medical Billing Professionals with ICD-10, the following coding tip is provided with an educational intent.

ICD-10-CM has two types of excludes notes which are designated as Excludes 1 or Excludes 2.

- Excludes 2 means “NOT INCLUDED HERE”. The Excludes 2 note instructs that the condition excluded is not part of the condition represented by the code.
- The two conditions can occur together.
- The patient may have both conditions at the same time.
- It is acceptable to use both the code and any of the Excludes 2 codes that appear listed under the code if the patient has the conditions.

Example:

M 25.5 - Pain in Joint

Excludes 2: Pain in Hand (M79.64-)
Pain in Fingers (M79.64-)
Pain in Foot (M79.67-)
Pain in Toes (M70.67-)

Source: ICD-10-CM Draft Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting 2015
Source: ICD-10-CM Professional for Hospitals, The Complete Official Draft Code Set, 2015
Leon-Chisen, N.(2014) ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Coding Handbook 2015.
Chicago, IL: AHA Press

In this example code M25.5 - Pain in Joint, may be coded together with any of the codes listed under the Excludes 2.

Coding Clinic is the official resource and authority for ICD-10 coding rules and conventions.

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