



ICD-10 Coding Tip

External Causes of Morbidity

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

External Causes of Morbidity are most applicable to environmental events and circumstances as the cause of injury and other adverse effects. These codes may be found in Chapter 20: External Causes of Morbidity and should be used to provide additional information as to the cause of the condition that may be stated to be due to external causes.

External cause codes:

- May be used with any code in range A00.0-T88.9, Z00-Z99, that is a health condition due to external cause
- Encompasses alpha characters V, W, X and Y
- Are assigned with the appropriate 7th character for each encounter for which injury or condition is being treated: initial encounter, subsequent encounter or sequela
- Are accompanied by an activity code and place of occurrence, if applicable and stated

ICD-9 Coding: Chapter Supplementary Classification of External Causes of Injury and Poisoning (E000-E999)

ICD-10 Coding: Chapter 20 External Causes of Morbidity (V00-Y99)

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