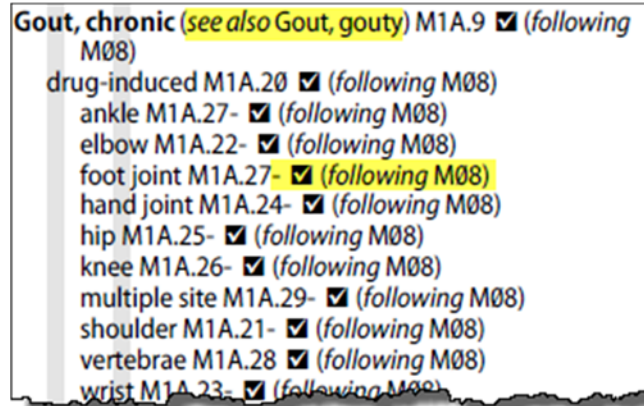


ICD-10-CM Coding Steps

Coding Steps

Aside from being knowledgeable of official coding conventions and guidelines, there are seven steps for correct coding. These include:

1. Look up the main term and subterm entries as appropriate in the alphabetic index. Review continued lines and additional subterms that may appear in the next column or on the next page.
2. Note all parenthetical terms (nonessential modifiers) that help in code selection but do not affect code assignment. Shaded vertical guidelines in the Index are provided to help determine the indentation level for each subterm in relation to the main terms.
3. Pay close attention to the following instructions in the Index:
 - “see,” “see also,” and “see category” cross-references
 - “with”/“without” notes
 - “omit code” notes
 - “due to” subterms
 - other instructions found in note boxes, such as “code by site”



Gout, chronic (see also Gout, gouty) M1A.9 ✓ (following M08)
drug-induced M1A.20 ✓ (following M08)
ankle M1A.27- ✓ (following M08)
elbow M1A.22- ✓ (following M08)
foot joint M1A.27- ✓ (following M08)
hand joint M1A.24- ✓ (following M08)
hip M1A.25- ✓ (following M08)
knee M1A.26- ✓ (following M08)
multiple site M1A.29- ✓ (following M08)
shoulder M1A.21- ✓ (following M08)
vertebrae M1A.28 ✓ (following M08)
wrist M1A.23- ✓ (following M08)

4. Locate the code in the system-specific alphanumerically arranged tabular list. Do not code from the alphabetic index without verifying the accuracy of the code in the tabular list.
5. Read all instructional notes, including:
 - “includes” and both types of “excludes” notes
 - “use additional code” and “code first underlying disease” instructions
 - “code also”
 - 4th, 5th, and 6th character requirements and 7th character extension requirements
 - age and sex symbols

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✓6th M1A Chronic gout

Use additional code to identify:
autonomic neuropathy in diseases classified elsewhere (G99.0)
calculus of urinary tract in diseases classified elsewhere (N22)
cardiomyopathy in diseases classified elsewhere (I43)
disorders of external ear in diseases classified elsewhere (H61.1-, H62.8-)
disorders of iris and ciliary body in diseases classified elsewhere (H22)
glomerular disorders in diseases classified elsewhere (N08)

EXCLUDES 1 acute gout (M10.-)
gout NOS (M10.-)

The appropriate 7th character is to be added to each code from category M1A.

0	without tophus (tophi)
1	with tophus (tophi)

6. Consult the official ICD-10-CM guidelines, which govern the use of specific codes. These guidelines provide both general and chapter-specific coding guidance.

7. Confirm and assign the correct code.

✓6th M1A.27 Drug-induced chronic gout, ankle and foot

✓7th M1A.271 Drug-induced chronic gout, right ankle and foot

✓7th M1A.272 Drug-induced chronic gout, left ankle and foot

✓7th M1A.279 Drug-induced chronic gout, unspecified ankle and foot

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