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ICD-10 Checkpoint



Check your knowledge. Compare ICD-9-CM codes to ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS codes.

What is the correct code for an **Accidental amputation of the right index finger, initial encounter**?

ICD-9-CM	ICD-10-CM
Code(s) Assigned	
886.0 Traumatic amputation of finger(s) (complete/partial), without complication	S68.110A Complete traumatic metacarpophalangeal amputation of right index finger, initial encounter
Indexed Terms	
Alphabetic Index: Amputation traumatic finger(s) (one or both hands) 886.0 Tabular: 886.0 Without mention of complication 886.1 Complicated	Alphabetic Index: Amputation traumatic finger index S68.11- Tabular: S68.110 Complete traumatic metacarpophalangeal amputation of right index finger The appropriate 7th character is to be added to each code from category S68 A - initial encounter D - subsequent encounter S - sequela
Code Comparisons	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One code for single or multiple fingers (code does not specify which finger) • Partial and complete amputations included in this code 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific code for each finger (specified by sixth character) • Fifth character defines whether it is a complete or partial amputation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code category differentiates by with or without complication • Encounter cannot be specified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codes are not differentiated by the presence or absence of a complication • Seventh character identifies the specific encounter
Documentation Needed From Physicians	
Amputation of finger(s) With or without complication	Complete vs partial amputation of finger Specific finger must be identified Encounter (initial, subsequent, sequelae)

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