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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 **acute and chronic respiratory failure**?

ICD-9-CM	ICD-10-CM
Code(s) Assigned	
518.84, Acute and chronic respiratory failure	J96.20, Acute and chronic respiratory failure, unspecified whether with hypoxia or hypercapnia
Indexed Terms	
Failure, failed respiration, respiratory acute and chronic 518.84	Failure, failed respiration, respiratory acute and (on) chronic J96.20
Code Comparisons	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In category 518, there are specific codes for acute respiratory failure, chronic respiratory failure, and acute and chronic respiratory failure The symptoms of hypoxia and hypercapnia are not uniquely identified within the ICD-9-CM codes for respiratory failure <i>Coding Clinic</i> indicates that hypoxemia is not separately reported in ICD-9-CM when associated with acute respiratory failure (<i>AHA Coding Clinic® for ICD-9-CM, Second Quarter 2006, page 25</i>) Excludes note exists with the code for hypercapnia (786.09, Other dyspnea and respiratory abnormalities) to indicate that code 786.09 should not be reported with respiratory failure (518.8.1, 518.83-518.84) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fourth digits for category J96 differentiate type as acute, chronic, acute and chronic, or unspecified Fifth digits for category J96 identify presence/absence of hypoxia or hypercapnia if this information is documented Excludes1 notes pertaining to the codes for hypoxia (R09.01) and hypercapnia (R06.89) indicate that codes R09.01 and R06.89 would not be reported for respiratory failure with hypoxia or hypercapnia. Only a code from category J96 would be reported

Documentation Needed From Physicians

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- The physician should document whether or not the respiratory failure is associated with hypoxia or hypercapnia.

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