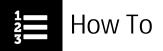


How to Choose the Right Code From the Canadian Emergency Department Diagnosis Shortlist

Purpose

To help facilities determine the most appropriate diagnosis code from





- a) Many of the conditions on the list are grouped by body system. Whenever possible, select a code related to the appropriate body system.
- b) If the specific condition is not on the list, check whether the general codes at the end of certain body system groups apply (e.g., J989 Respiratory disorder, I99 CVS [cardiovascular system] disorder).
- c) There is a group of codes for diagnoses related to circumstances other than disease or injury (e.g., requesting a prescription refill). For these cases, review the codes beginning with the letter Z under "Contact with health services."

| C or D under "Neoplasms" |
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| L under "Dermatologic diseases" |
| M under "Diseases of the MSK (musculoskeletal) system and connective tissue" |
| O under "Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium" |
| P under "Conditions originating in the perinatal period" |
| R under "Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings" |

d) Refer to the table below to locate codes related to specific conditions.