



## TOP QUESTIONABLE ENCOUNTER CODES

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ICD-10-CM Code	Description	Primary Code to Use Instead
<b>Z51.89</b>	Encounter for other specified aftercare	Code the condition for which rehabilitation services are ordered or provided
<b>M62.81</b>	Muscle weakness (generalized)	Query for specific reason for weakness such as musculoskeletal disorder, stroke, brain injury, etc.
<b>R00.1</b>	Bradycardia unspecified	Query for underlying cause of bradycardia
<b>R26.0</b>	Ataxic gait	Code underlying cause of ataxia rather than this symptom code
<b>R25.1</b>	Paralytic gait	Code underlying cause of paralytic gait rather than this symptom code
<b>R26.2</b>	Difficulty walking, not elsewhere classified	Code underlying cause of difficulty walking rather than this symptom code
<b>R26.81</b>	Unsteadiness on feet	Code underlying cause of unsteadiness rather than this symptom code
<b>R26.89</b>	Other abnormalities of gait and mobility	Code underlying cause of abnormality rather than this symptom code
<b>R56.9</b>	Unspecified convulsions	Query for disease process causing convulsions
<b>R29.6</b>	Repeated falls	Code the disease process or complication causing falls instead
<b>Z91.81</b>	History of falls	Code the disease process or complication causing falls instead
<b>E08.</b> - codes: EXAMPLE <b>E08.21</b>	Diabetes due to underlying condition with diabetic neuropathy	Follow official Coding Guidance: Code first the underlying condition, such as Cushing's Syndrome or Cystic Fibrosis
<b>I25.2</b>	Old myocardial infarction	This includes all MI's with acute onset more than four weeks ago. If patient is still having symptoms, query and use underlying condition code such as coronary artery disease



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<b>I95.9</b>	Hypotension, unspecified	Query to determine underlying cause of hypotension
<b>CODES ENDING IN "9"</b>	Multiple codes are excluded that end with the character "9". These codes indicate unspecified sites, or unspecified diseases	Query the provider for specific disease information. Remember, visiting clinicians can determine the site of the issue (L or R) and verify information with the provider. All diagnosis information must be supported by provider or facility documentation.
<b>C34.10</b>	Malignant neoplasm of upper lobe, unspecified bronchus or lung	Review clinician documentation to locate which lung is affected and/or query provider to confirm location
<b>C34.30</b>	Malignant neoplasm of lower lobe, unspecified bronchus or lung	Review clinician documentation to locate which lung is affected and/or query provider to confirm location
<b>C56.9</b>	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified ovary	Review clinician documentation to locate which ovary is affected and/or query provider to confirm location
<b>C65.9</b>	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified renal pelvis	Review clinician documentation to locate which renal pelvis is affected and/or query provider to confirm location
<b>G03.9</b>	Meningitis, unspecified	Query provider to determine type of meningitis
<b>I69.30</b>	Unspecified sequelae of cerebral infarction	Query assessing clinician(s) for types and locations of sequela(e) and/or query provider to confirm findings or types
<b>I70.239</b>	Atherosclerosis of native arteries of right leg with ulceration of unspecified site	Query clinician for location on leg and/or query provider for location of ulceration(s)
<b>I70.249</b>	Atherosclerosis of native arteries of left leg with ulceration of unspecified site	Query clinician for location on leg and/or query provider for location of ulceration(s)