

Hypertension

ICD-10-CM Coding Quick Reference for Providers

Hypertension ICD-10 Category Reference

Code	Description
I10	Essential (primary) hypertension
I11.X	Hypertensive heart disease
I12.0	Hypertensive CKD with stage 5 CKD or ESRD
I12.9	Hypertensive CKD with stage 1-4 or unspecified CKD
I13.0	Hypertensive heart and CKD with heart failure and stage 1-4/unspecified CKD
I13.1X	Hypertensive heart and CKD without heart failure
I13.2	Hypertensive heart and CKD with heart failure and stage 5 CKD or ESRD
I15.X	Secondary hypertension
I16.X	Hypertensive crisis
I1A.0	Resistant hypertension

Use additional code to identify, if applicable:

I50.-	Type of heart failure
N18.1-N18.6	Stage of chronic kidney disease

Coding Examples

Element	Details
HPI	Here for f/u of HTN with no complaints. Reports medication adherence and heart healthy low sodium diet.
Vital Signs	128/82
Assessment & Plan	Essential hypertension - Well controlled, no complications. Continue Losartan 100mg PO daily & Amlodipine 5mg PO daily. Discussed regular exercise, low-sodium diet and daily BP monitoring.
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Best Documentation Practices

- State the patient has hypertension; "elevated blood pressure" is not synonymous
- Note any hypertensive urgency or emergency
- Specify hypertension type (primary or secondary). If secondary, note underlying cause (e.g., renal, endocrine)
- Document all associated conditions (heart failure, CKD) and identify complications
- Record a detailed care plan, including supporting evidence like BP readings and lab results

D.S.P. – Document the Condition

Proper documentation requires these three elements be addressed for each condition

D Diagnosis What condition does the patient have? Document the specific diagnosis, type, and any underlying cause or associated conditions.	S Status What is the current state of the condition? Document the current status, test results, disease progression/regression, and response to treatment	P Plan What is being done to manage the condition? Document the care plan, prescribed medications, referrals, counseling, and lifestyle guidance.
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NOTE: This tool is intended to assist with documentation only and not intended to take the place of clinical analysis.