

# Have You Provided All The Diagnoses Required Per ICD-10 Guidelines?

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# Problem and Goal

## Problem

- A secondary diagnosis has been provided without documenting a first-listed diagnosis.

## Goal

- To provide a general understanding of ICD-10 coding guidelines in order for TriCore to receive all diagnoses that fully describe the patient's condition.

# Have You Provided All The Diagnoses?

Common Scenarios when multiple diagnoses are necessary to accurately describe a patient's condition:

- Underlying condition with a manifestation (e.g., anemia in chronic kidney disease)
  - Is there an underlying condition?
  - Is there a manifestation of the underlying condition?
- Sequela – Late Effects (e.g., scar formation resulting from a burn)
  - Was this condition due to an injury or illness?
  - What is the nature of the sequela?
- External causes of morbidity (V00-Y99) (e.g., exposure to excessive natural heat)
  - Was there an injury?
  - What is the nature of the condition?
  - V00-Y99 should be used as a secondary code.

- Always consult the guidelines for correct coding guidance for the following conditions:
  - Complications of care
  - Poisoning by, adverse effects of, underdosing, and toxic effects
  - SIRS/Sepsis
- Please refer to ICD-10 Coding Book and Guidelines and for further guidance.
  - ICD-10-CM Coding Guidelines FY 2020 (October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020)  
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Downloads/2020-Coding-Guidelines.pdf>
  - ICD-10 Coding Book  
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2020-ICD-10-CM>

This is not an all-inclusive list of coding guidelines and instructions.

These are examples only and TriCore does not encourage use of these codes unless they describe the patient's condition and are documented in the patient's chart.