

Chapter 8

Ear and Mastoid Process

Codes H60-H95

H60-H62 Diseases of external ear

H65-H75 Diseases of middle ear and mastoid

H80-H83 Diseases of inner ear

H90-H94 Other disorders of ear

H95 Intraoperative and postprocedural complications and disorders of ear and mastoid process, not elsewhere classified

- ❖ Presumably the smallest chapter in the book – it'll be your favorite!!!
- ❖ Codes are very straightforward.
- ❖ No coding guidelines at this time – “reserved for future guideline expansion”.

External Cause

Notation at the beginning of Chapter 8 instructs coders to use an external cause code following the code for the ear condition, if applicable, to identify the cause of the ear condition

H65.05 Acute serous otitis media, recurrent, left ear

Z57.31 Occupational exposure to environmental tobacco smoke

Z77.22 Contact with and (suspected) exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (acute)
(chronic)

Otitis Externa Subcategories H60

H60.0 Abscess of external ear	H60.1 Cellulitis of external ear	H60.2 Malignant otitis externa	H60.3 Other infective otitis externa	H60.4 Cholesteatoma of external ear
5 th character:	5 th character:	5 th character:	5 th character:	5 th character:
0 - unspecified	0 - unspecified	0 - unspecified	1 - diffuse	0 - unspecified
1 - right	1 - right	1 - right	2 - hemorrhagic	1 - right
2 - left	2 - left	2 - left	3 - swimmer's ear	2 - left
3 - bilateral	3 - bilateral	3 - bilateral	9 - other	3 - bilateral

Otitis Externa Subcategories H60

H60.5 Acute noninfective	H60.6 Unspecified chronic	H60.8 Other	H60.9 Unspecified
5 th character:	5 th character:	5 th character:	5 th character:
0 - unspecified	0 - unspecified	X - placeholder	0 - unspecified
1 - actinic	1 - right		1 - right
2 - chemical	2 - left		2 - left
3 - contact	3 - bilateral		3 - bilateral
4 - eczematoid			
5 - reactive			

Remember - 6 character codes will need the last character to define laterality and complete the code.

0 - unspecified eye

1 - right eye

2 - left eye

3 - bilateral

Perforated Tympanic Membrane

With Otitis Media use an additional code for any associated perforated tympanic membrane.

H65.419 Chronic allergic otitis media, unspecified ear

H72.90 Unspecified perforation of tympanic membrane, unspecified ear

Otitis Media with underlying disease

Code 1st the underlying disease:

Otitis media, unspecified ear, with viral infection

B34.9 viral infection, unspecified

H67.9 otitis media in diseases classified elsewhere, unspecified ear

4th character defines laterality

H67.1 right ear

H67.2 left ear

H67.3 bilateral

H67.9 unspecified ear

Nonsuppurative Otitis Media

Subcategories of H65

H65.0 Acute serous	H65.1 Other acute	H65.2 Chronic serous
5 th character	5 th character	5 th character
0-unspecified	1 - acute and subacute allergic	0 - unspecified
1- right	9 - other acute	1 - right
2- left		2- left
3- bilateral		3 - bilateral
4- recurrent, right ear		
5 -recurrent, left ear		
6 -recurrent, bilateral		
7 - recurrent, unspecified ear		

Nonsuppurative Otitis Media

Subcategories of H65

H65.3 Chronic mucoid	H65.4 Other chronic	H65.9 Unspecified
5 th character	5 th character	5 th character
0 -unspecified	1 - allergic	1 - right
1 - right	9 - other	2 - left
2 - left		3 - bilateral
3 - bilateral		9 - unspecified

Categories H65, H66 and H67 in diseases of middle ear and mastoid instruct the coder to use an additional code for any associated perforated tympanic membrane.

Suppurative and Unspecified Subcategories of H66

H66.0 Acute suppurative	H66.1 Chronic tubotympanic	H66.2 Chronic atticofacial	H66.3 Other suppurative	H66.4 Suppurative unspecified	H66.9 Otitis media unspecified
5 th character	5 th character	5 th character	5 th character	5 th character	5 th character
0 - without spontaneous rupture of eardrum	0 - unspecified	0 - unspecified	X - placeholder	0 - unspecified	0 - unspecified
1 - with spontaneous rupture of eardrum	1 - right	1 - right		1 - right	
	2 - left	2 - left		2 - left	
	3 - bilateral	3 - bilateral		3 - bilateral	

Common ENT Diagnoses

ICD-9	Description	ICD-10	Laterality	How to get there/Notes
388.31	Tinnitus	H93.1_	5 th	
380.4	Impacted cerumen	H61.2_	5 th	Wax in ear; see impacted cerumen. Also ear: wax
383.9	Mastoiditis	H70.00_ to H70.9_	5 th or 6 th	Mastoiditis: acute, chronic, due to infectious disease
462	Pharyngitis	J02._	N	Sore throat, see pharyngitis Strep? Use additional code for other organism
784.1	Throat pain	R07.0	N	
463	Acute tonsillitis	J03.0_ to J03.9_	N	Strep? Use additional code for other organism

Common ENT Diagnoses

ICD-9	Description	ICD-10	Laterality	How to get there/ Notes
780.4	Dizziness	R42	N	Vertigo, NOS
784.40	Voice disturbance	R49._	N	Dysphonia, aphonia, hypernasality, other
784.2	Swelling, head and neck	R22.0 to R22.1	N	
477.9	Allergic rhinitis	J30._ _	N	Vasomotor, allergic, seasonal, food, animal hair & dander

Woo-hoo! 1 more chapter down!



Ear and Mastoid Process Exercises

1. Cholesteatoma of external ear, unspecified ear
2. Meniere's disease
3. Total perforation of left tympanic membrane
4. Conductive hearing loss, NOS

Ear and Mastoid Process Exercise

Answers

1. Cholesteatoma of external ear, unspecified ear
H60.40
1. Meniere's disease
H81.09
1. Total perforation of left tympanic membrane
H72.822
2. Conductive hearing loss, NOS
H9.02