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Hypertension

DOCUMENTATION AND CODING

High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is a common condition where the force of blood against the artery walls is consistently too high. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), having hypertension can lead to serious health issues, including heart disease and stroke.¹

Include in medical record

When documenting hypertension to the highest level of specificity, include:

- Type: essential hypertension, renovascular hypertension, or drug resistant.
- Systemic involvement: hypertension with heart failure, hypertension with CKD.
- Underlying cause: sedentary lifestyle, excessive alcohol use, or stress.
- Tobacco use/exposure: tobacco use, abuse, history, or exposure.

Coding information

Coding hypertension:

ICD-10-CM code ²	Condition
I10	Essential hypertension (primary).

Coding hypertensive heart disease:

ICD-10-CM code	Condition
I11.0	Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure.
I11.9	Hypertensive heart disease without heart failure.

Coding hypertensive heart disease with heart failure:

ICD-10-CM code	Condition
I50.1	Left ventricular failure, unspecified.
I50.2-	Systolic (congestive) heart failure.
I50.3-	Diastolic (congestive) heart failure.
I50.4-	Combined systolic and diastolic heart failure.
I50.81-	Right heart failure.
I50.82	Biventricular heart failure.
I50.83	High-output heart failure.
I50.84	End-stage heart failure.
I50.89	Other heart failure.
I50.9	Heart failure, unspecified.

Coding hypertensive heart disease with chronic kidney disease (CKD):

ICD-10-CM code	Condition
I12.0	Hypertensive CKD with stage 5 CKD or end-stage renal disease (ESRD).
I12.9	Hypertensive CKD with stage 1-4 CKD, or unspecified CKD.

Coding hypertensive heart disease with heart failure and chronic kidney disease:

ICD-10-CM code	Condition
I13.0	Hypertensive heart and CKD with heart failure and stage 1-4 CKD, or unspecified CKD.
I13.10	Hypertensive heart and CKD without heart failure and stage 1-4 CKD, or unspecified CKD.
I13.11	Hypertensive heart and CKD without heart failure and stage 5 CKD, or ESRD.
I13.2	Hypertensive heart and CKD with heart failure and stage 5 CKD, or ESRD.

Coding secondary and other hypertension:

ICD-10-CM code	Condition
I15.-	Secondary hypertension.
I1A.0	Resistant hypertension.

¹Centers for Disease Control. 2026. High Blood Pressure Facts. [High Blood Pressure Facts | High Blood Pressure | CDC](#)

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