

Z74.3 Need for continuous supervision

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The International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM) 11th Edition code Z74.3 *Need for continuous supervision* is a code that identifies factors influencing health status and contact with health services. This diagnosis code may be assigned when some circumstance or problem is present which influences the person's health status but is not in itself a current illness or injury¹.

There are three Index entries that can be used to capture the need for continuous supervision.

The Index entries are:

Need for

- continuous supervision required Z74.3

Health

- service

- - need for

- - - continuous supervision Z74.3

Dependence

- on

- - care-provider (because of)

- - - need for

- - - - continuous supervision Z74.3



Why might Z74.3 Need for continuous supervision be assigned for an admitted episode of care?

This code may be assigned:

- to indicate an extension of length of stay that is not attributable to a specific condition such as dementia
- to identify requirement for nursing special
- as a principal diagnosis where the Care type is 11 Maintenance care
- to support other conditions/diseases. If so, it is important to sequence Z74.3 *Need for continuous supervision* immediately after the related condition/disease.

Things to consider when assigning Z74.3 Need for continuous supervision

There are a few things that need to be remembered when assigning this code:

- It is important to sequence Z74.3 *Need for continuous supervision* immediately after the related condition/disease – unless this code is the actual principal diagnosis.
- ensure that the Condition onset flag is appropriate depending on the documentation in the clinical record.
- As per ICD-10-AM Tabular, codes in the range Z74.- excludes dependence on enabling machines or devices NEC (Z99.-) respite care (Z75.5).

¹ The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification, Eleventh Edition, 2019, Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Darlinghurst, NSW