

# CCAQ Coding Advice

## Starvation ketosis – Q0351

### Query:

How do we classify documentation of starvation ketosis when it is clear that the starvation ketosis is due to nil dietary intake over a period of days?

Do we assign an additional code to identify the cause of ketosis as per the 'use additional external cause code' instruction at block E88?

Or do we assign an additional code to capture the limited dietary intake?

Index look up: Inadequate, diet E63.1 *Imbalance of constituents of food intake*.

### Advice:

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CCAQ advise that for starvation ketosis, assign E88.8 *Other specified metabolic disorders* following the index Ketosis NEC. An additional external cause code may be assigned where supported by the documentation, following the 'use additional external cause code' instruction at E88.