

CCAQ Coding Advice

Hernia with obstruction and necrosis - CCAQ Q0022

Query:

What ICD-10-AM code(s) are assigned when hernia with obstruction with mention of necrosis or necrotic intestine is mentioned, but there is no mention of the term 'gangrene'?

Does this code to obstructed hernia with gangrene?

The coding pathway does not support the code assignment of hernia with gangrene. Necrosis of intestine is indexed to K55.0 Acute vascular disorders of intestine and there are no excludes under K55.0 to exclude that with hernia.

For example, should Umbilical hernia with necrotic intestine be coded to:

- K42.0 *hernia with obstruction without gangrene* + K55.0 *Acute vascular disorder of intestine*;
- Or
- K42.1 *Umbilical hernia with gangrene (includes obstruction)*?

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Necrosis and gangrene are synonymous terms (index necrosis see also gangrene).

Code to K42.1 *Umbilical hernia with gangrene (includes obstruction)*

-- HERN

-- Hernia, hernial (acquired) (recurrent)

-- Umbilicus, umbilical

-- With [e.g., gangrene, obstruction]

-- Gangrene (and obstruction)