

Z75.6 Transfer for suspected condition

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Australian Coding Standard (ACS) 0012 *Suspected Conditions* notes diagnosis code Z75.6 *Transfer for suspected condition* is used as a 'flag' to identify patients transferred to another facility with a suspected condition.

There is an expected relationship between Z75.6 *Transfer for suspected condition* and the mode of separation. This is supported by Electronic Validation Application (EVA Plus) validation ICD H936 where Z75.6 is expected to be assigned in an episode of care with mode of separation 16 *Hospital transfer*.

The assignment of this diagnosis code can be useful when reviewing the conditions requiring a patient to be transferred, identifying the types of interventions required by the patient prior to transport, or required to safely transfer the patient.

Z75.6 *Transfer for suspected condition* is to be sequenced directly after the diagnosis code(s) to which it relates.

What does the data in the Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC) tell us?

Below are some examples of sequencing of Z75.6 *Transfer for suspected condition* seen in QHAPDC data before and after data review and amendment:

Before data review and amendment:

PD	K81.0	Acute cholecystitis
OD	Z86.43	Personal history of tobacco use disorder
OD	Z75.6	Transfer for suspected condition

After data review and amendment:

PD	K81.0	Acute cholecystitis
OD	Z75.6	Transfer for suspected condition
OD	Z86.43	Personal history of tobacco use disorder

Before data review and amendment:

PD	N45.9	Orchitis, epididymitis and epididymo-orchitis without abscess
OD	E11.9	Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complication
OD	Z75.6	Transfer for suspected condition

After data review and amendment:

PD	N45.9	Orchitis, epididymitis and epididymo-orchitis without abscess
OD	Z75.6	Transfer for suspected condition
OD	E11.9	Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complication

Before data review and amendment:

PD	S73.00	Dislocation of hip, unspecified
EX	X50	Overexertion and strenuous or repetitive movements
EX	Y92.05	Place of occurrence, home bedroom
EX	U73.9	Unspecified activity
OD	Z96.64	Presence of hip implant
OD	Z75.6	Transfer for suspected condition

After data review and amendment:

PD	S73.00	Dislocation of hip, unspecified
EX	X50	Overexertion and strenuous or repetitive movements
EX	Y92.05	Place of occurrence, home bedroom
EX	U73.9	Unspecified activity
OD	Z75.6	Transfer for suspected condition
OD	Z96.64	Presence of hip implant

As can be seen in the above examples, prior to data review and amendment the code sequenced directly before *Z75.6 Transfer for suspected condition* would most likely not have been the reason for transfer.

The correct sequencing of *Z75.6 Transfer for suspected condition* is essential to ensure the data maintains its value and quality.

Document History

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