

Instructions For ICD-9 to ICD-10 Diagnoses Crosswalks

These instructions apply to each of the crosswalk spreadsheets regardless of the subspecialty.

The ICD-9 to ICD-10 Crosswalk spreadsheets include the more common diagnoses codes for each subspecialty. The lists is not exhaustive for each specialty, but are meant to cover the most commonly encountered diagnoses. The crosswalks use the GEM and Reimbursement Mappings from CMS for ICD-9 to ICD-10.

The spreadsheets are sorted by ICD-9 order and include the ICD-9 code, the ICD-9 descriptors, the ICD-10 code and the ICD-10 descriptors. You will note that there are times when a single ICD-9 code is listed more than once. This is due to there being multiple ICD-10 Crosswalks for that single ICD-9 code. So in this case, all of the ICD-10 codes listed as crosswalks back to that single ICD-9 code would be considered as possible ICD-10 diagnoses that replace that one ICD-9 code.

The crosswalks are intended to assist you in identifying the possible ICD-10 codes that may apply to your practice. You can use the spreadsheets to help crosswalk current Superbills or communication sheets. You can also use the crosswalks to identify the differences in specificity for the relevant ICD-10 codes where additional documentation may be required to support a more specific diagnosis.

You will still need to use the ICD-10-CM book alphabetical index and tabular listing to ensure that you have selected the correct code for each encounter. The tabular index will also provide additional information related to the ICD-10 diagnosis code, such as inclusion terms, excluded diagnoses, and other instructions related to the individual diagnoses.

The crosswalks have been provided in an Excel file so you may sort, add, or delete information as necessary for your practice's needs.

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