

Reporting Diseases of the Respiratory System (J00-J99) in ICD-10-CM

ICD-10CM has instructions specific to specific Chapters for assignment of additional diagnoses if applicable. For the Respiratory disease, Chapter 10, the ICD-10 chapter instructions include the direction to use additional codes for describing the patient's tobacco use, if documented in the patient's medical record. If the patient does not have a tobacco use, abuse, or dependence, no additional codes are required to describe your patient's disease. This instruction is applicable to all of the codes listed in the Respiratory Chapter (Chapter 10 – J codes)

For the patient who does use tobacco products and it is documented in their medical record, we must code not only their use but also describe the type of tobacco used. The provider is directed to use only one code to describe the patient's tobacco use. For example, if the patient uses and is dependent, you only assign the code for the dependence. The provider must also select a sixth digit to describe if the patient's dependence is as follows:

Converting Nicotine Dependence Codes from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM

ICD-10CM	Nicotine Dependence Codes ICD-10 CM	ICD-9 CM
0	Uncomplicated	
1	In remission	
3	With withdrawal	
8	With other nicotine-induced disorders	
9	With unspecified nicotine-induced disorders	
F17.200-	Nicotine dependence, unspecified, uncomplicated	305.1
F17.21-	Nicotine dependence, cigarettes	305.1
F17.22-	Nicotine dependence, chewing tobacco	305.1
F17.29-	Nicotine dependence, other tobacco products	305.1
	<i>All of the above codes will require a sixth digit (1,3,8,9) as described above</i>	

	<i>Other Options to Choose for Describing your Patient's tobacco status, in addition to their respiratory:</i>	
Z77.22	Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke	
P98.81	Exposure to tobacco smoke in the perinatal period	
Z87.891	History of tobacco use	V15.82
	Toxic Effect of Tobacco	989.84

Scenarios:

A patient presents with mild intermittent asthma who has smoked cigarettes in the past, but is not a current smoker. Your diagnosis codes would be J45.20 and Z87.891.

A patient presents with severe persistent asthma who is currently a long-time dependent cigarette smoker. Your diagnosis code would be J45.50 with F17.210.

A patient presents with moderate persistent asthma with no history of smoking or any use of tobacco products. Your correct diagnosis code(s) would be J45.40.