

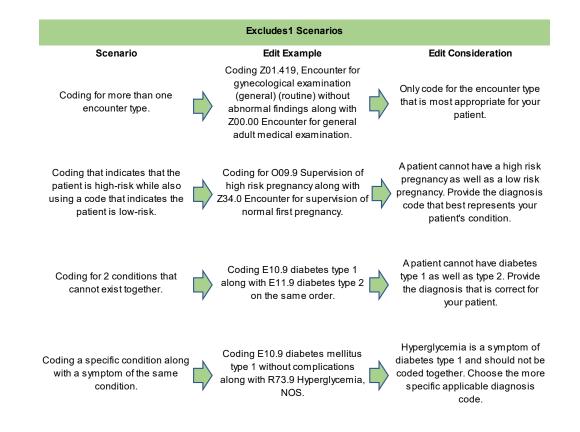


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Official guidelines¹ for coding and reporting are very specific about handling "Excludes1" notes. An Excludes1 note is used when 2 conditions cannot occur together, such as a congenital form versus an acquired form of the same condition. An Excludes1 note indicates that the code excluded should not be used at the same time as the code above the Excludes1 note. You can see the specific guidance here: <u>https://www.cms.gov/files/document/fy-2023-icd-10-cm-coding-guidelines-updated-01/11/2023.pdf</u>.

You can also check this link to check ICD-10 Excludes1 edits by specific ICD-10 codes: <u>https://icd10cmtool.cdc.gov/?fy=FY2023.</u>

The following is a list of scenarios common to Excludes1 errors:



¹ ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting FY 2023, Section 1, Subsection A.12a. <u>https://www.cms.gov/files/document/fy-2023-icd-10-cm-coding-guidelines-updated-01/11/2023.pdf</u>.

An ICD-10-CM book should be used as a complete reference. Diagnoses must always be documented in the patient's medical record. The ultimate responsibility belongs to the ordering physician to correctly assign the patient's diagnosis based on the patient's history, symptoms, and medical condition.

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