

INFLUENZA AND CORONAVIRUS CODING



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I know we have all seen the rise of Influenza being diagnosed within all patient types this cold and flu season. As well as the outbreak of the novel coronavirus.

I wanted to give a coding tip reminder for a review of the ICD-10-CM codes we currently have available to code the different types of influenza and the coronavirus.

Influenza Coding

There are four types of Influenza: Types A, B, C and D

- Type A is broken down into various strains, including novel influenza A or avian
- Type B can occur in humans and is also broken into different strains.
- Type A and B can cause the seasonal epidemics in the U.S.
- Type C causes mild respiratory infections and is usually not related to any pandemic
- Type D virus occurs in cattle and is not transmitted to humans

INFLUENZA KEY CODE SETS:

- J09 Influenza due to certain identified influenza viruses
- J09.x1 Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with pneumonia
- J09.x2 Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with other respiratory manifestations
- J09.x3 Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with gastrointestinal manifestations
- J09.x9 Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with other manifestations
- J10 Influenza due to other identified influenza virus
- J10.00 Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with unspecified type of pneumonia
- J10.01 Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with the same other identified influenza virus pneumonia
- J10.08 Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other specified pneumonia
- J10.1 Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations
- J10.2 Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with gastrointestinal manifestations
- J10.8 Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other manifestations
 - ◊ J10.81 Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with encephalopathy
 - ◊ J10.82 Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with myocarditis
 - ◊ J10.83 Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with otitis
- J11 Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus
 - ◊ J11.0 Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus
 - J11.00 Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with unspecified type of pneumonia
 - J11.08 Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with specified pneumonia
 - ◊ J11.1 Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations
 - ◊ J11.2 Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with gastrointestinal manifestations
 - ◊ J11.8 Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with other manifestations

Code Z23 for immunization when flu vaccine is given

Coronavirus Coding

As early as February 2020, there have been 11 confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in the U.S. with many other cases under investigation.

The codes for classifying Coronavirus are:

- J12.89 Pneumonia due to coronavirus and B97.29 (Other coronavirus as the cause of diseased classified elsewhere)
- A41.89 Sepsis due to coronavirus and B97.29
- B34.2 Coronavirus infection, unspecified
- Z20.828 Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases

Note that the Coronavirus is a different virus than SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) and the SARS code set are classified differently.

Preventing Influenza and Coronavirus

Prevention of getting and spreading the influenza and coronavirus is important in preventing an epidemic.

Below are some tips from the Federal Drug Administration for avoiding and preventing the viruses.

1. Get Vaccinated for the flu
2. Wash your hands often (it is recommended to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice)
3. Avoid Infected people
4. Control Stress
5. Eat a balanced diet
6. Sleep right
7. Exercise

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