

An ostomy is a surgically created opening. The opening connects to an internal organ to the outside of the body. This category includes “status of,” “attention to,” and “complications of” codes. A status code is informative because the status may affect the course of treatment and its outcome.

Functional Openings:

Critical for communication of a patient’s status.

- Tracheostomy status (Z93.0)
- Gastrostomy status (Z93.1)
- Ileostomy status (Z93.2)
- Colostomy status (Z93.3)
- Other artificial openings of gastrointestinal tract status (Z93.4)
- Unspecified cystostomy status (Z93.50)
- Cutaneous-vesicostomy status (Z93.51)
- Appendico-vesicostomy status (Z93.52)
- Other cystostomy status (Z93.59)
- Other artificial openings of urinary tract status (Z93.6)
- Other artificial opening status (Z93.8)
- Artificial opening status, unspecified (Z93.9)

Attention to Artificial Opening:

Used when treatment is given to an ostomy.

- Encounter for attention to tracheostomy (Z43.0)
- Encounter for attention to gastrostomy (Z43.1)
- Encounter for attention to ileostomy (Z43.2)
- Encounter for attention to colostomy (Z43.3)
- Encounter for attention to other artificial openings of digestive tract (Z43.4)
- Encounter for attention to cystostomy (Z43.5)
- Encounter for attention to other artificial openings of urinary tract (Z43.6)

- Encounter for attention to other artificial openings (Z43.8)
- Encounter for attention to unspecified artificial opening (Z43.9)

Complications of Artificial Openings

Used when ostomy has a complication.

- Pouchitis (K91.850)
- Other complications of intestinal pouch (K91.858)
- Colostomy complication, unspecified (K94.00)
- Colostomy hemorrhage (K94.1)
- Colostomy infection (K94.02)
- Colostomy malfunction (K94.03)
- Other complications of colostomy (K94.09)
- Enterostomy complication, unspecified (K94.10)
- Enterostomy hemorrhage (K94.11)
- Enterostomy infection (K94.12)
- Enterostomy malfunction (K94.13)
- Other complications of enterostomy (K94.19)
- Gastrostomy complication, unspecified (K94.20)
- Gastrostomy hemorrhage (K94.21)
- Gastrostomy infection (K94.22)
- Gastrostomy malfunction (K94.23)
- Other complications of gastrostomy (K94.29)
- Esophagostomy complications, unspecified (K94.30)
- Esophagostomy hemorrhage (K94.31)
- Esophagostomy infection (K94.32)
- Esophagostomy malfunction (K94.33)
- Esophagostomy malfunction (K94.39)

Clinical Documentation and Coding Tips

- Always document it to the highest level of specificity
- SOAP Notes documentation tips:
 - **Subjective** – In the subjective section of the office note, document the presence, absence, attention to, or complications of any active Ostomies.
 - **Objective** – The objective section should include any current associated physical exam findings.
 - **Assessment** – Describe each final diagnosis clearly, concisely and to the highest level of specificity. Use all applicable descriptors.
 - **Plan** – Document a specific and concise treatment plan.

Medicare Hierarchal Condition Categories (HCC)

Hierarchical condition category (HCC) coding is a risk-adjustment model designed to estimate future health care costs for patients. This model filters ICD-10CM codes into diagnosis groups (DxGs), and then into Conditions Categories (CCs). Hierarchies or families are placed to gain an HCC numeric code, which translates to a risk adjustment factor (RAF) value. Each diagnosis code found in the model, as a stand-alone diagnosis code or within a family or hierarchy, carries a value through RAF, but this value can change if the patient has other influencing factors such as ESRD, hospice, or are dual-eligible. Families or hierarchies set a value based on severity of illness, with more severe diagnoses carrying the overall risk score for that family. Diagnoses within families or hierarchies are inclusive of one another, while any additional diagnoses from other hierarchies or stand-alone diagnoses are additive and increase each patient's overall risk score.

Ostomies are conditions that fall within the category "Artificial Openings for Feeding or Elimination" (HCC 188) with an average RAF Score of 0.742

Coding Ostomies

There are forty-three (43) ICD - 10CM applicable codes to use for coding Ostomies.

| ICD-10 Code | Code description |
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| K91.850 | Pouchitis |
| K91.858 | Other complications of intestinal pouch |
| K94.00 | Colostomy complication, unspecified |
| K94.01 | Colostomy hemorrhage |
| K94.02 | Colostomy infection |
| K94.03 | Colostomy malfunction |
| K94.09 | Other complications of colostomy |
| K94.10 | Enterostomy complication, unspecified |
| K94.11 | Enterostomy hemorrhage |
| K94.12 | Enterostomy infection |
| K94.13 | Enterostomy malfunction |
| K94.19 | Other complications of enterostomy |
| K94.20 | Gastrostomy complication, unspecified |
| K94.21 | Gastrostomy hemorrhage |
| K94.22 | Gastrostomy infection |
| K94.23 | Gastrostomy malfunction |
| K94.29 | Other complications of gastrostomy |
| K94.30 | Esophagostomy complications, unspecified |
| K94.31 | Esophagostomy hemorrhage |
| K94.32 | Esophagostomy infection |
| K94.33 | Esophagostomy malfunction |
| K94.39 | Other complications of esophagostomy |
| Z43.1 | Encounter for attention to gastrostomy |
| Z43.2 | Encounter for attention to ileostomy |
| Z43.3 | Encounter for attention to colostomy |
| Z43.4 | Encounter for attention to other artificial openings of digestive tract |
| Z43.5 | Encounter for attention to cystostomy |

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| Z43.6 | Encounter for attention to other artificial openings of urinary tract |
| Z43.8 | Encounter for attention to other artificial openings |
| Z43.9 | Encounter for attention to unspecified artificial opening |
| Z93.1 | Gastrostomy status |
| Z93.2 | Ileostomy status |
| Z93.3 | Colostomy status |
| Z93.4 | Other artificial openings of gastrointestinal tract status |
| Z93.50 | Unspecified cystostomy status |
| Z93.51 | Cutaneous-vesicostomy status |
| Z93.52 | Appendico-vesicostomy status |
| Z93.59 | Other cystostomy status |
| Z93.6 | Other artificial openings of urinary tract status |
| Z93.8 | Other artificial opening status |
| Z93.9 | Artificial opening status, unspecified |

Always Remember

- Verify if any Ostomies are current problems.
- Note the exact Ostomy description. This category includes “status of,” “attention to,” and “complications of” codes.
- Follow the ICD-10 CM official coding guidelines and conventions.
- Select the correct ICD-10 CM code to the highest specificity.