

## Risk Coding Tips and Tools Ostomies (Artificial Openings)

Presence of a stoma may be an indicator that there is an artificial opening of some type.

### Ostomy and Artificial Opening Values:

- It is essential for communication of a patient's "status of" (**Z93 group**) that all ostomies with available openings be documented and coded
- The use of "attention to artificial opening" (**Z43 group**) is correct when treatment is given for an ostomy

### Common examples include:

Condition	ICD-10 Status Of	ICD-10 Attention To
Tracheostomy	Z93.0	Z43.0
Gastrostomy	Z93.1	Z43.1
Ileostomy	Z93.2	Z43.2
Colostomy	Z93.3	Z43.3
Enterostomy	Z93.4	Z43.4
Cystostomy	Z93.50	Z43.5

### Documentation Tips:

- For "status of", document that the artificial opening is current
- For "attention to", document any care directed to the artificial opening



### Coding Tip:

- Most artificial openings will have two code choices, "status of" and "attention to," during the same encounter

### Physician Documentation Example

Documentation example for Z93.0 - Current status of Tracheostomy

**Assessment/Plan:**

Tracheostomy in place, without need for care.

Documentation example for Z43.1 - Attention to Gastrostomy

**Physical Exam:**

- **ABDOMEN:** Cleaning of Gastrostomy opening.

**Assessment/Plan:**

Attention to Gastrostomy, cleaned wound today in office, refer to wound management.

Reference: [Optum. ICD-10-CM code detail – Z43.1. Encoder Pro.com Expert](https://www.encoderpro.com/epr/i10cmHandler.do?k=201*Z43.1&a=viewDetail)  
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