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ICD-10 Codes for the Cataract Family

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How many different types of cataracts are there? According to ICD-10-CM, there are close to 70—ranging from age-related to zonular cataracts.

Reporting laterality. For some codes, you include a number to indicate laterality: 1 for the right eye, 2 for the left eye, and 3 for both eyes. For most codes that require laterality, you report this number as the sixth character (e.g., H21.22- *Degeneration of ciliary body*), but there are some codes where it appears as the fifth character (e.g., H26.3-, *Drug-induced cataract*). And for other codes, you don't report laterality at all.

Where to Find Cataract Codes

In ICD-10's Tabular List, check the following chapters for cataract codes.

- **Chapter 7 Eye and ocular adnexa.** See the Disorders of lens section (H25-H28) for the most-used diagnoses. (For an ICD-9/ICD-10 conversion table of the five most common ICD-9 cataract codes, see the Web Extra that accompanies this article at www.eyenet.org.)
- **Chapter 4 Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases.** Examples include E10.36 *Type 1 diabetes with diabetic cataract*, E11.36 *Type 2 diabetes with diabetic cataract*, E20.9 *Hypoparathyroidism, unspecified*, E46 *Unspecified protein-calorie malnutrition*, E34.9 *Endocrine disease, unspecified*, E74.21

Galactosemia, and E88.9 *Metabolic disorder, unspecified*.

- **Chapter 17 Congenital malformations, deformations, and chromosomal abnormalities.** Example: Q12.0- represents anterior and posterior axial embryonal, pyramidal, blue, central, cerulean, congenital, coralliform, corony, and crystalline cataracts.
- **Chapter 6 Diseases of the nervous system.** Example: G71.19 *Other specified myotonic disorders*.

Complex Cataract Surgery—66982

When you submit CPT code 66982, local coverage determinations (LCDs) require more than the traditional cataract diagnosis codes. To indicate why the surgery qualifies as complex, you also must report one of the following codes:

- H21.221 *Degeneration of ciliary body, right eye*
- H21.222 *Degeneration of ciliary body, left eye*
- H21.261 *Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive), right eye*
- H21.262 *Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive), left eye*
- H21.271 *Miotic pupillary cyst, right eye*
- H21.272 *Miotic pupillary cyst, left eye*
- H21.29 *Other iris atrophy*
- H21.531 *Iridodialysis, right eye*
- H21.532 *Iridodialysis, left eye*
- H21.561 *Pupillary abnormality, right eye*
- H21.562 *Pupillary abnormality, left eye*

- H21.81 *Floppy iris syndrome*
- H21.89 *Other specified disorders of iris and ciliary body*
- H21.9 *Unspecified disorder of iris and ciliary body*
- H22 *Disorders of iris and ciliary body in diseases classified elsewhere*
- H57.00 *Unspecified anomaly of pupillary function*
- H57.01 *Argyll Robertson pupil, atypical*
- H57.02 *Anisocoria*
- H57.03 *Miosis*
- H57.04 *Mydriasis*
- H57.051 *Tonic pupil, right eye*
- H57.052 *Tonic pupil, left eye*
- H57.09 *Other anomalies of pupillary function*
- H57.9 *Unspecified disorder of eye and adnexa*
- Q13.1 *Absence of iris*
- Q13.9 *Congenital malformation of anterior segment of eye, unspecified*

YAG Capsulotomy—66821

When submitting CPT code 66821, you can use these codes to indicate medical necessity:

- H26.491 *Other secondary cataract, right eye*
- H26.492 *Other secondary cataract, left eye*
- H26.493 *Other secondary cataract, bilateral* ■