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## ICD-10-CM Update for Emergency Services

### Documenting and Coding for Open Wounds of the Finger in ICD-10-CM

On October 1, 2015, the ICD-9-CM code set that is used to report medical diagnoses in the United States will be replaced with the ICD-10-CM code set. The new code set provides more than 68,000 codes, compared to 13,000 in ICD-9, and introduces alphanumeric category classifications for the first time. As such, ICD-10 is much more proficient at describing current conditions and healthcare practices, and possesses the flexibility to expand as needed to accommodate the changing clinical environment.

Under the ICD-9 nomenclature, codes range from three to five digits while diagnosis coding under the ICD-10 system employs three to seven digits. The expanded number of characters of the ICD-10 code set provides greater specificity as they identify additional detail such as disease etiology, anatomic site, severity, episode of care, and laterality. Through their medical reports, providers are the source of the information from which the diagnosis codes are derived that will be submitted to payers for claims processing. As such, attention will need to be given to enhancing that documentation to provide the additional detail needed for proper code assignment. This newsletter is part of a series being provided by APS Medical Billing that illustrates the changes that will occur in transitioning to the new code set for sample conditions, providing the additional detail that providers should document in their medical reports to facilitate final code assignment in ICD-10.

This edition of our ICD-10-CM Newsletter will take a look at the expansion of diagnosis codes for open wounds of the finger/thumb, with several hundred codes available in ICD-10 compared with just a few in ICD-9. Please review for the vital information needed in the medical record for correct diagnosis code assignment come October 1, 2015.

#### Open wounds of the finger/thumb

Documentation should detail:

- Digit
  - Thumb
    - Right
    - Left
    - Unspecified



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- Finger
  - Index finger
  - Middle finger
  - Ring finger
  - Little finger
    - Right
    - Left
    - Unspecified
  
- Type of open wound
  - Unspecified
  - Laceration
  - Puncture wound
  - Open bite
  
- With or without foreign body
  
- With or without damage to nail
  
- Encounter
  - Initial
  - Subsequent
  - Sequela

ICD-9-CM Codes	ICD-10-CM Codes
883.0 Open wound of finger(s) including thumb, nail without mention of complication	S61.00 <i>Unspecified open wound</i> of thumb without damage to nail
883.1 Open wound of finger(s) including thumb, nail with mention of complication	S61.01 <i>Laceration without foreign body</i> of thumb without damage to nail
883.2 Open wound of finger(s) including thumb, nail with tendon involvement	S61.02 <i>Laceration with foreign body</i> of thumb without damage to nail
	S61.03 <i>Puncture wound without foreign body</i> of thumb without damage to nail
	S61.04 <i>Puncture wound with foreign body</i> of thumb without damage to nail
	S61.05 <i>Open bite</i> of thumb without damage to nail



	<p>S61.10 <i>Unspecified</i> open wound of thumb with damage to nail</p> <p>S61.11 <i>Laceration without foreign body</i> of thumb with damage to nail</p> <p>S61.12 <i>Laceration with foreign body</i> of thumb with damage to nail</p> <p>S61.13 <i>Puncture wound without foreign body</i> of thumb with damage to nail</p> <p>S61.14 <i>Puncture wound with foreign body</i> of thumb with damage to nail</p> <p>S61.15 <i>Open bite</i> of thumb with damage to nail</p> <p>To the above codes add:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 6<sup>th</sup> digit to specify right, left or unspecified thumb</li><li>✓ 7<sup>th</sup> digit to specify initial encounter, subsequent encounter, or sequela</li></ul> <p>S61.20 <i>Unspecified open wound</i> of other finger without damage to nail</p> <p>S61.21 <i>Laceration without foreign body</i> of finger without damage to nail</p> <p>S61.22 <i>Laceration with foreign body</i> of finger without damage to nail</p> <p>S61.23 <i>Puncture wound without foreign body</i> of finger without damage to nail</p> <p>S61.24 <i>Puncture wound with foreign body</i> of finger without damage to nail</p> <p>S61.25 <i>Open bite</i> of finger without damage to nail</p> <p>S61.30 <i>Unspecified open wound</i> of finger with damage to nail</p>
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	<p>S61.31 <i>Laceration without foreign body of finger with damage to nail</i></p> <p>S61.32 <i>Laceration with foreign body of finger with damage to nail</i></p> <p>S61.33 <i>Puncture wound without foreign body of finger with damage to nail</i></p> <p>S61.34 <i>Puncture wound with foreign body of finger with damage to nail</i></p> <p>S61.35 <i>Open bite of finger with damage to nail</i></p> <p>To the above codes add:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 6<sup>th</sup> digit to specify finger:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Right or left index finger</li><li>○ Right or left middle finger</li><li>○ Right or left ring finger</li><li>○ Right or left little finger</li><li>○ Other finger</li><li>○ Unspecified finger</li></ul></li><li>✓ 7<sup>th</sup> digit to specify initial encounter, subsequent encounter, sequela</li></ul>
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