



ALZHEIMER'S -

Codes for Alzheimer's disease are found in Chapter 6 of ICD-10-CM, Diseases of the Nervous System

ICD-9-CM gave us one code for Alzheimer's disease, 331.0. However, ICD-10-CM has expanded this category, giving us four choices:

- G30.0 – Alzheimer's disease with early onset
- G30.1 – Alzheimer's disease with late onset
- G30.9 – Other Alzheimer's disease
- G30.9 – Alzheimer's disease, unspecified

Category G30, Alzheimer's disease instructs coders to assign an additional code when associated with:

- Delirium, if applicable (F05)
- Dementia with behavioral disturbance (F02.81)
- Dementia without behavioral disturbance (F02.80)

It is important to note that the dementia codes from category F02 and F05 should never be used as the primary diagnosis. Category F02's description specifically reads "dementia in other diseases classified elsewhere."

Thorough documentation of symptoms and tests will be required by physicians

In ICD-10, if you document whether the disease is early onset or late onset, that distinction can be coded.

Documentation of the type(s) of Alzheimer's and dementia and any behavioral disturbances is required to properly code to the highest level of specificity.