



AR-DRG Version 8.0

Definitions Manual

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Background

AR-DRG Version 8.0 included the implementation of the Episode Clinical Complexity (ECC) Model which assigns a Diagnosis Complexity Level (DCL) value for in scope diagnosis codes that appear in acute admitted episodes. In the ECC Model, several groups of diagnostic codes which generally provide additional or supplementary information to another code already assigned have been excluded from receiving a DCL value and they are referred to as exclusions. Some diagnosis codes are excluded unconditionally and others are excluded conditionally. There are exceptions among unconditional exclusions, which remain within DCL scope (i.e. may receive a nonzero DCL).

Discrepancies have been identified in relation to the DCL unconditional exclusions in the *AR-DRG Version 8.0 Definitions Manual* and the *Review of the AR-DRG Case Complexity Process: Final Report* (published on 1 August 2014). The following *Errata* contains modifications to the *AR-DRG Version 8.0 Definitions Manual* to amend these inconsistencies.

Corresponding changes have **only** been made to the *Appendices* of the *Review of the AR-DRG Classification Case Complexity Process: Final Report* as per *Errata 1* to that report (see also attachments 1-3 for *Errata 1* to the complete *Appendices*). *Section 6* of that report (pages 78-85) included consensus views on the DCL guiding principles and the list of identified exclusions that were intended to be implemented in AR-DRG Version 8.0. *Section 6* in the *Final Report* therefore remains unchanged.

These amendments will now create consistency with the AR-DRG Version 8.0 grouper specifications. As these discrepancies were identified prior to publication of AR-DRG Version 9.0, the Version 9.0 unconditional exclusions in the Definitions Manual and grouper specifications remain consistent.

It is intended that a review of the unconditional exclusions be undertaken in a future version of the AR-DRG classification.

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Correction to Table C.1 – Delete codes in Table C.1 as shown below.	
Table C.1: List of Chapter 18 Signs and symptoms codes – DCL in scope	
Code	Description
R02	Gangrene, not elsewhere classified
R15	Faecal incontinence
R18	Ascites
R32	Unspecified urinary incontinence
R40.2	Coma, unspecified
R56.0	Febrile convulsions
R56.8	Other and unspecified convulsions
R57.0	Cardiogenic shock
R57.1	Hypovolaemic shock
R57.2	Septic shock
R57.8	Other shock
R57.9	Shock, unspecified
R65.0	Systemic inflammatory response syndrome [SIRS] of infectious origin without acute organ failure
R65.1	Systemic inflammatory response syndrome [SIRS] of infectious origin with acute organ failure
R65.2	Systemic inflammatory response syndrome [SIRS] of noninfectious origin without acute organ failure
R65.3	Systemic inflammatory response syndrome [SIRS] of noninfectious origin with acute organ failure
R95.0	Sudden infant death syndrome with mention of autopsy
R95.9	Sudden infant death syndrome without mention of autopsy

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Correction to Table C.2 – Delete codes in Table C.2 as shown below.		
Table C.2: Chapter 21 codes with Unacceptable PDx codes identified – DCL in-scope		
Code	Description	Unacceptable PDx
Z06.50	Resistance to beta-lactam antibiotics, unspecified	Yes
Z06.51	Resistance to penicillin	Yes
Z06.52	Resistance to methicillin	Yes
Z06.53	Extended spectrum beta-lactamase [ESBL] resistance	Yes
Z06.58	Resistance to other beta-lactam antibiotics	Yes
Z06.60	Resistance to unspecified antibiotic	Yes
Z06.61	Resistance to vancomycin	Yes
Z06.62	Resistance to other vancomycin related antibiotics	Yes
Z06.63	Resistance to quinolones	Yes
Z06.67	Resistance to multiple antibiotics	Yes
Z06.68	Resistance to other single specified antibiotic	Yes
Z06.70	Resistance to unspecified antimicrobial drug(s)	Yes
Z06.71	Resistance to antiparasitic drug(s)	Yes
Z06.72	Resistance to antifungal drug(s)	Yes
Z06.73	Resistance to antiviral drug(s)	Yes
Z06.74	Resistance to tuberculostatic drug(s)	Yes
Z06.77	Resistance to multiple antimicrobial drugs	Yes
Z06.78	Resistance to other specified antimicrobial drug	Yes
Z07	Resistance to antineoplastic drugs	Yes
Z21	Asymptomatic human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] infection status	
Z34.0	Supervision of normal first pregnancy	
Z34.8	Supervision of other normal pregnancy	
Z34.9	Supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified	
Z35.0	Supervision of pregnancy with history of infertility	

Code	Description	Unacceptable PDx
Z35.1	Supervision of pregnancy with history of abortive outcome	
Z35.2	Supervision of pregnancy with other poor reproductive or obstetric history	
Z35.3	Supervision of pregnancy with history of insufficient antenatal care	
Z35.4	Supervision of pregnancy with grand multiparity	
Z35.51	Supervision of primigravida with advanced maternal age	
Z35.52	Supervision of multigravida with advanced maternal age	
Z35.6	Supervision of (very) young primigravida	
Z35.7	Supervision of high-risk pregnancy due to social problems	
Z35.8	Supervision of other high-risk pregnancies	
Z35.9	Supervision of high-risk pregnancy, unspecified	
Z92.1	Personal history of long term (current) use of anticoagulants	Yes

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Correction to Special case exclusions – Delete the second and third dot points as shown below.

Special case exclusions

Special case exclusions include the following sub-groups:

- Codes that add descriptive information to an already assigned ICD-10-AM code have been considered unconditional exclusions and include:
 - Bacterial, viral and other infectious agents* (B95 – B97). These codes are assigned as additional diagnoses to a condition classified in another ICD-10-AM chapter to add descriptive information (when available) about the microorganism causing the condition.
 - ~~*Delivery* (O80 – O84). In most instances, these codes are assigned as a principal or additional diagnosis with a condition classified elsewhere in Chapter 15, or to add descriptive information about the mode of delivery.~~
 - ~~*Fetus and newborn affected by maternal factors and by complications of pregnancy, labour and delivery* (P00 – P04) and P96.4 *Termination of pregnancy, affecting fetus and newborn*. These codes are assigned as additional diagnoses to a condition classified in another ICD-10-AM chapter to add descriptive information about the cause of the condition.~~

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- *Burns involving less than 10% of body surface, with less than 10 % or unspecified full thickness burns (T31.00).* This UE is supplementary to categories T20-T25 and T29 which provide greater detail in relation to complexity from within the 3-character category according to erythema, partial thickness or full thickness burns of specific body sites
- *Diabetes mellitus and impaired glucose with multiple microvascular complications (E09 – E14 with 4th and 5th character subdivision of .71).* These codes have been identified as cluster codes that always accompany the microvascular complication diabetes codes assigned from the E09 – E14 code range.