

Amputations Status, Prosthetics/Artificial limb

Overview: Amputation Status (Z89)

Amputation status represents the absence of a limb that has been removed by trauma, medical illness or surgery.

Amputation Status must be addressed and reported annually to capture the condition. Documentation on the chart should include regular examinations of the extremities, the existence of any amputations (including level, laterality, and impact on patient's current health (even stating the patient is coping well with amputation demonstrates adequate assessment)).

Causes that lead to amputation

- Severe injury
- Serious burns
- Cancerous tumor involving the bone or muscle of the limb
- Serious infection that does not get better with antibiotics or other treatment
- Frostbite (severe)
- Damaged limb due to peripheral arterial disease
 - Resulting from diabetes and/or atherosclerosis



Documentation Guidance

According to AHA coding clinic Volume 4, Limb Status Code – Guidelines “These codes are to be used to identify persons who are missing limbs due to trauma or surgical amputation and no current disease or residual exist at the amputation site”. To report a code to the highest level of specificity, the medical record should include pertinent details such as:

- ✓ Anatomical site and laterality
- ✓ Level of amputation (complete/partial)
- ✓ Presence of prosthetics
- ✓ Complications when applicable
 - Deformity of joint
 - Surgical site infections
 - Hematoma
 - Necrosis

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- ✓ Associated malignancies
- ✓ Complications and late effects
 - Gangrene
 - Phantom limb syndrome
- ✓ Underlying conditions
 - Peripheral vascular disease
 - Diabetes
 - Atherosclerosis
- ✓ Physical therapy
- ✓ For Risk Adjustment purposes, status conditions such as amputations need to be reported on an annual basis.

Traumatic amputations are typically reported from the hospital (inpatient, outpatient) at the time services are provided for the injury. For traumatic amputations and complications, please refer to ICD categories S00-T88. If no sequelae and no more treatment is being directed to the traumatic amputation, code as a status with category Z89.

Acquired absence of the limb codes are not to be reported for congenital absence of the limbs. Refer to the ICD-10-CM Alphabetical Index: Absence>By Site (Congenital)

ICD-10-CM Code Information

Coding Amputation Status

- ICD-10-CM Alphabetical Index: Absence>By Site (Acquired)
- Category Z89 are the status codes for acquired absence of the limb

Acquired Absence of Upper Limb

Codes in category Z89 describe post procedural and post-traumatic absence of a limb, when there are neither complications of the amputation nor treatment directed toward the site.

Use following as final digit to indicate laterality:

- 1: right
- 2: left
- 9: unspecified

Z89.01x Acquired absence of thumb

Z89.02x Acquired absence of other finger(s)
Excludes2: acquired absence of thumb (Z89.01-)

Z89.11x Acquired absence of hand

Z89.12x Acquired absence of wrist
Includes: Disarticulation at wrist

Z89.20x Acquired absence of upper limb, unspecified level

Includes: Acquired absence of arm

Z89.21x Acquired absence of upper limb, below elbow

Z89.22x Acquired absence of upper limb, above elbow

Includes: Disarticulation at elbow

Z89.23x Acquired absence of shoulder

Includes: Acquired absence of shoulder joint Following explanation of shoulder joint prosthesis, with or without presence of antibiotic-impregnated cement spacer

Acquired Absence of Lower Limb

Z89.41x Acquired absence of great toe

Z89.42x Acquired absence of other toe(s)
Excludes2: acquired absence of great toe (Z89.41-)

Z89.43x Acquired absence of foot

Z89.44x Acquired absence of ankle
Includes: Disarticulation of ankle

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Z89.51x Acquired absence of leg, below knee

Z89.52x Acquired absence of knee
Includes: Acquired absence of knee joint following explanation of knee joint prosthesis, with or without presence of antibiotic-impregnated cement spacer

Z89.61x Acquired absence of leg, above knee
Includes: Acquired absence of leg NOS, Disarticulation at knee

Z89.62x Acquired absence of hip
Includes: Acquired absence of hip joint following explanation of hip joint prosthesis, Disarticulation at hip

Overview: Prosthetics/Artificial limb

Z44 Encounter for fitting and adjustment of external prosthetic device
Includes: removal or replacement of external prosthetic device. Excludes1: malfunction or other complications of device – see Alphabetical Index. Presence of prosthetic device (Z97.-) Documentation should include anatomical location and laterality.

Use following as final digit to indicate laterality:

- 1: right
- 2: left
- 9: unspecified

Z44.00x Encounter for fitting and adjustment of *unspecified* Artificial Arm

Z44.01x Encounter for fitting and adjustment of *complete* Artificial Arm

Z44.02x Encounter for fitting and adjustment of *partial* Artificial Arm

Z44.10x Encounter for fitting and adjustment of *unspecified* Artificial Leg

Z44.11x Encounter for fitting and adjustment of *complete* Artificial Arm

Z44.12x Encounter for fitting and adjustment of *partial* Artificial Arm

Z97 **Presence of other devices**
Excludes1: complications of internal prosthetic devices, implants and grafts (T82-T85)
Excludes 2: fitting and adjustment of prosthetic and other devices (Z44-Z46) presence of cerebrospinal fluid drainage device (Z98.2)

Z97.10 Presence of artificial limb (complete) (partial), unspecified

Z97.11 Presence of artificial right arm (complete) (partial)

Z97.12 Presence of artificial left arm (complete) (partial)

Z97.13 Presence of artificial right leg (complete)

Z97.14 Presence of artificial left leg (complete) (partial)

Z97.15 Presence of artificial arms, bilateral (complete) (partial)

Z97.16 Presence of artificial legs, bilateral (complete) (partial)

G54 **Phantom Limb Syndrome**

G54.6 Phantom limb syndrome with pain

G54.7 Phantom limb syndrome without pain
Includes: Phantom limb syndrome NOS

References

“ICD-10”. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, CMS.gov. <http://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding/icd10>