Finding an ICD-10 Code

There are several no-cost websites that allow practitioners to locate a correct ICD-10 Code.

Here is one example from one of the no-cost websites:

**Step 1: Type in the diagnosis**

![Search Query](image)

**Step 2: Locate the four-character “category code”**

![Search Results](image)

*For this example, the prescriber will include, at a minimum, “T23.3” on the prescription.*

Please note: The rule only requires that a “category code” be included on the prescription. A "category code" is typically not used for billing. Nothing prohibits a prescriber from including the more specific billable code on the prescription.
Here is another example from one of the no-cost websites:

Step 1: Type in the diagnosis

Step 2: Locate the code specific to the location of the fracture and select that code

For this example, the fracture occurred in the forearm.

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<tr>
<td>S02</td>
<td>Fracture of skull and facial bones</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S12</td>
<td>Fracture of cervical vertebra and other parts of neck</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S22</td>
<td>Fracture of rib(s), sternum and thoracic spine</td>
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<tr>
<td>S32</td>
<td>Fracture of lumbar spine and pelvis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S42</td>
<td>Fracture of shoulder and upper arm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S52</td>
<td>Fracture of forearm</td>
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<tr>
<td>S62</td>
<td>Fracture at wrist and hand level</td>
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Step 3: Locate the four-character “category code” specific to the forearm fracture

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes

19. Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00-T88)  
S50-S59 Injuries to the elbow and forearm (S50-S59)  
S52 Fracture of forearm

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<td>S52.001A - S52.099S</td>
<td>S52.0 Fracture of upper end of ulna</td>
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<tr>
<td>S52.101A - S52.189S</td>
<td>S52.1 Fracture of upper end of radius</td>
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<td>S52.201A - S52.299S</td>
<td>S52.2 Fracture of shaft of ulna</td>
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<td>S52.301A - S52.399S</td>
<td>S52.3 Fracture of shaft of radius</td>
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<td>S52.501A - S52.599S</td>
<td>S52.5 Fracture of lower end of radius</td>
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<td>S52.601A - S52.699S</td>
<td>S52.6 Fracture of lower end of ulna</td>
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<tr>
<td>S52.90XA - S52.92XS</td>
<td>S52.9 Unspecified fracture of forearm</td>
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For this example, the fracture occurred in the upper end of radius. The prescriber will include, at a minimum, “S52.1” on the prescription. Or if the prescriber is unsure of where the fracture occurred, it would also be acceptable to indicate “S52.9” on the prescription.
Here is another example from one of the [no-cost websites]:

**Step 1: Type in the diagnosis**

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kidney stone
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**Step 2: After using the sort feature to select only ICD-10 Codes, select the appropriate code.**

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2017 ICD-10-CM Code N20.0  [convert to ICD-9-CM]  
Calculus of kidney
  - Nephrolithiasis NOS - Renal calculus - Renal stone - Staghorn calculus - Stone kidney.
  - A kidney stone is a solid piece of material that forms in the kidney. It can travel through the urinary system and cause pain. Kidney stones can form for reasons that include some mineral imbalance. The stones can lodge upstream in the urinary system, blocking the flow of urine,
  - Formation of stones in the kidney.
  - Stones in the kidney.
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2017 ICD-10-CM Code Z84.1  [convert to ICD-9-CM]  
Family history of disorders of kidney and ureter
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2017 ICD-10-CM Code Q61.5  [convert to ICD-9-CM]  
Medullary cystic kidney disease
  - Nephronophthisis - Sponge kidney NOS - Medullary cystic disease - Medullary cystic disease of the kidney characterized by cystic dilatation of the medullary collecting ducts. Inheritance is autosomal recessive. Many patients have a hereditary kidney disorder... with a tense, white, or small calculus (kidney stone) condition medullary.
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**Step 3: Locate the four-character “category code”**

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2017 ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code N20.0  
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2017 ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes > Diseases of the genitourinary system N00-N99 > Urolithiasis N20-N23 > Calculus of kidney and ureter N20-
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2017 ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code N20.0  
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Calculus of kidney
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- N20.0 is a billable/specific ICD-10-CM code that can be used to indicate a diagnosis for reimbursement purposes.
- This is the American ICD-10-CM version of N20.0. Other international versions of ICD-10 N20.0 may differ.
- Reimbursement claims with a date of service on or after October 1, 2015 require the use of ICD-10-CM codes.

*For this example, the prescriber will include “N20.0” on the prescription.*