

Cerebral Infarction, Transient Ischemic Attack and Sequela

It is important to accurately document and code cerebral infarction, transient ischemic attack (TIA) and sequela.

Remember to document and code any residual deficits (sequela) of a cerebral infarction, as it will affect your medical decision-making and the treatment plan. The documentation and coding process must be completed annually to capture your patient’s full burden of illness.

Documentation

- ▶ Only document active cerebral infarction or TIA if it occurs at the time of the office visit.
- ▶ If the patient is experiencing sequela related to a cerebral infarction/TIA, document each sequela specifically. Document dominant, non-dominant, right or left if their symptom is monoplegia, hemiplegia, hemiparesis or paralytic syndrome.
- ▶ Document personal history of cerebral infarction/TIA if it is not occurring at the time of the visit or there is no active sequela.

Coding Tips

- ▶ Remember to only code a cerebral infarction or TIA diagnosis if the event occurs at the time of the visit.
- ▶ Cerebral infarction sequela codes such as **monoplegia, hemiplegia, hemiparesis** and other **paralytic syndrome** carry risk value.
- ▶ Do not code **both** sequela and history of cerebral infarction codes at the same time.

Sequela Cerebral Infarction Codes	
Description	Code
Monoplegia of upper limb following cerebral infarction	I69.331-I69.339
Monoplegia of lower limb following cerebral infarction	I69.341-I69.349
Hemiplegia and hemiparesis following cerebral infarction	I69.351-I69.359
Other paralytic syndrome following cerebral infarction	I69.361-I69.369
Personal history of transient ischemic attack (TIA) and cerebral infarction without residual effects	Z86.73

Note: Look to the ICD-10 coding book to see the full list of sequela codes; only the code range is denoted here. **Codes in bold** carry CMS-HCC risk value.

For additional information, go to:
 [AlabamaBlue.com/Providers/CodingCorner](https://alabamablue.com/providers/codingcorner)

ICD-10 is the 10th revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD), a medical classification list by the World Health Organization (WHO).

