

Hypertensive Chronic Kidney Disease

Hypertension is one of the most common causes of chronic kidney disease (CKD). It is crucial to accurately document and code hypertension and CKD.

Documentation

- ▶ The category (**I12.-**) reports kidney disease due to complications of hypertension.
- ▶ According to ICD-10-CM Guidelines, there is a presumed “causal relationship between hypertension and kidney involvement, as the two are connected by the term ‘with’ in the Alphabetic Index. These conditions should be coded as related even without physician documentation explicitly linking them unless the documentation clearly states the conditions are unrelated.”

Coding Tips

When hypertension and CKD are documented, code **I12.- plus** the stage of CKD.

For example:

Mr. Jones has hypertension and takes losartan 100 mg daily; Mr. Jones also has CKD stage 3b. A nephrologist follows him and labs are drawn routinely. The record should be coded as **I12.9** and **N18.32**.

Below are a list of the hypertensive chronic kidney disease codes and individual CKD stage codes.

I12: Hypertensive Chronic Kidney Disease

Description	Code
Hypertensive chronic kidney disease with stage 5 CKD or end stage renal disease	I12.0
Hypertensive chronic kidney disease with stage 1-4 CKD, or unspecified CKD	I12.9

N18: Chronic Kidney Disease

Description	Code
Chronic Kidney Disease, stage 1	N18.1
Chronic Kidney Disease, stage 2	N18.2
Chronic Kidney Disease, stage 3 unspecified	N18.30
Chronic Kidney Disease, stage 3a	N18.31
Chronic Kidney Disease, stage 3b	N18.32
Chronic Kidney Disease, stage 4	N18.4
Chronic Kidney Disease, stage 5	N18.5
End Stage Renal Disease	N18.6
Chronic Kidney Disease, unspecified	N18.9

For additional information, go to:
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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).



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