

Aneurysms

Use these tips to accurately document and code for aortic aneurysms.

Documentation

Provide the following documentation on an annual basis, at minimum, for a patient with an aortic aneurysm:

- ▶ Site (abdominal, thoracic)
- ▶ Ascending vs. descending
- ▶ Identify severity (e.g., ectasia vs. aneurysm)
- ▶ Describe any dissection or infection, if present

Coding Tips

Diagnosis codes related to aortic aneurysms fall into the category of **I71.-I72.9**. Diagnosis code **I79.0** should only be coded when an aortic aneurysm is specified as due to another primary disease. The causative disease should be coded first.

The following are the most commonly captured ICD-10 codes for the outpatient setting:

Chronic Aneurysm and Ectasia Codes	
Description	Code
Thoracic aortic aneurysm, without rupture	I71.2-
Abdominal aortic aneurysm, without rupture	I71.4-
Thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm, without rupture	I71.6-
Aortic aneurysm of unspecified site, without rupture	I71.9
Aneurysm of carotid artery	I72.0
Aneurysm of artery of upper extremity	I72.1
Aneurysm of renal artery	I72.2
Aneurysm of iliac artery	I72.3
Aneurysm of artery of lower extremity	I72.4
Aneurysm of other specified arteries	I72.8
Aneurysm of unspecified site	I72.9
Thoracic aortic ectasia	I77.810
Abdominal aortic ectasia	I77.811
Thoracoabdominal aortic ectasia	I77.812
Aortic ectasia, unspecified site	I77.819
Aneurysm of aorta in diseases classified elsewhere	I79.0

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