

# Carotid Artery Disease

*It is important to know the definition of carotid artery disease in order to accurately document and code it.*

## Documentation

- ▶ Disease process is appropriate to document and code, even following surgical intervention.
- ▶ Physical exam must match documentation of disease process.

## Coding Tips

- ▶ The correct code assignment for carotid artery disease that is **not specified** as due to occlusion or stenosis is **I77.9, Disorder of arteries and arterioles, unspecified**, since the classification does not provide a more specific code.
- ▶ Use the following codes for carotid artery disease that **is specified** as due to occlusion and stenosis:

### Carotid Artery Disease Codes (Due to Occlusion and Stenosis)

Description	Code
Occlusion and stenosis of right carotid artery	I65.21
Occlusion and stenosis of left carotid artery	I65.22
Occlusion and stenosis of bilateral carotid arteries	I65.23
Occlusion and stenosis of unspecified carotid artery	I65.29

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