

ICD-10 ESSENTIALS for ABDOMEN and PELVIS

The following elements are essential for the proper ICD-10-CM coding of conditions found in the **Abdomen and Pelvis**:

PEPTIC ULCERS

- Location
- Acute vs. Chronic
- Complication

DIVERTICULAR DISEASE

- Location
- Complication

CROHN'S DISEASE

- Location
- Complication

ULCERATIVE COLITIS

- Location
- Complication

HYDRONEPHROSIS

- Type
- Underlying condition

Common Abdomen/Pelvis Diagnoses	ICD-10 Specificity Guidance
Abdominal Pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location (Localized vs. Generalized), Quadrant, Area • Type (Pain, Tenderness, Rebound)
Calculus of Kidney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguish between Kidney and/or Ureter
Pelvic Pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location
Gallstones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguish if with Cholecystitis • Distinguish if with Obstruction • Acute vs. Chronic • Bile Duct vs. Gallbladder
Ovarian Cyst(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific Type (i.e., Follicular, Corpus Luteum, Simple, Retention)

Uterine Fibroids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submucous vs. Intramural vs. Subserosal
Ascites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malignant • With Underlying Condition
Hematuria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross vs. Microscopic

Peptic Ulcers

Peptic ulcers, in ICD-10, will no longer require documentation of obstruction. However, documentation requirements will include location, whether the ulcer is acute or chronic, and any complications that may exist:

Location	Type	Complication
Esophagus	Acute	Hemorrhage
Stomach	Chronic	Perforation
Duodenum	Unspecified	Both
Gastrojejunal		
Unspecified		

Unspecified Example:

Indication: **gastric ulcer**
 Coded as: *gastric ulcer, unspecified as acute or chronic, without hemorrhage or perforation*

Specified Example:

Indication: **acute bleeding gastric ulcer**
 Coded as: *acute gastric ulcer with hemorrhage*

Diverticular Disease

Diverticular disease (**diverticulosis, diverticulitis**) classifications are expanded in ICD-10 and require documentation of location and complications:

Location	Complication
Small Intestine	Bleeding
Large Intestine	Perforation
Small & Large Intestine	Abscess
Unspecified	

Unspecified Example:

Indication: **diverticulitis**

Coded as: *diverticulitis of intestine, part unspecified, without perforation or abscess without bleeding*

Specified Example:

Indication: **diverticulitis of colon**

Coded as: *diverticulitis of large intestine without perforation or abscess without bleeding*

Crohn's Disease

Crohn's disease classifications are expanded in ICD-10 and require documentation of location and complications:

Location	Complication
Small Intestine	Rectal Bleeding
Large Intestine	Intestinal Obstruction
Small & Large Intestine	Fistula
Unspecified	Abscess

Unspecified Example:

Indication: **Crohn's disease**

Coded as: *Crohn's disease, unspecified, without complications*

Specified Example:

Indication: **Crohn's disease of duodenum**

Coded as: *Crohn's disease of small intestine without complication*

Ulcerative Colitis

Ulcerative colitis disease classifications are expanded in ICD-10 and require documentation of location and complications:

Location	Complication
Left Sided Colitis	Rectal Bleeding
Rectosigmoiditis	Intestinal Obstruction
Pancolitis	Fistula
Proctitis	Abscess
Colon	

Unspecified Example:

Indication: **ulcerative colitis**
Coded as: *ulcerative colitis, unspecified,
without complications*

Specified Example:

Indication: **ulcerative proctitis**
Coded as: *ulcerative proctitis without
complications*

Hydronephrosis

Hydronephrosis disease classifications are expanded in ICD-10 and require documentation of type of hydronephrosis and underlying conditions:

Type	Underlying Condition
Acquired (default)	With infection
Congenital	Ureteral stricture
Tuberculous	Obstruction due to renal and/or ureteral calculus
	UPJ obstruction

Unspecified Example:

Indication: **hydronephrosis**
Coded as: *unspecified hydronephrosis*

Specified Example:

Indication: **hydronephrosis w/ kidney stone**
Coded as: *hydronephrosis with renal and
ureteral calculus obstruction*

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