

Internal Medicine Coding Alert

Reader Question: Include Retained FB Code With Toe Blister, If Applicable

Question: I'm coding a case of treatment for an ischemic blister of the right great toe? I can't find "blister" under "ischemic" in the ICD-9 index. Is the best choice 915.3?

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Answer: The correct choice is 917.2 (Superficial injury of foot and toe[s]; blister without mention of infection). The code you mention, 915.3 (Superficial injury of finger[s]; blister, infected) would not apply since you're coding for a toe.