

Eli's Rehab Report

READER QUESTIONS: Check Out ICD-9 Code for Sprengel's

Question: My provider dictated that an 8-year-old patient has Sprengel's deformity. What is it, and what should I use for the ICD-9 code?

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Answer: To report this condition, you should use 755.52 (Other anomalies of upper limb, including shoulder girdle; congenital elevation of scapula). Your ICD-9 book has a notation under this code designating it as the correct choice for Sprengel's deformity.

Children with Sprengel's deformity have an undescended scapula that sits higher on one side of the back than the other side. In normal fetal development, the scapula moves down the back to rest in its normal position.