

## Outpatient Facility Coding Alert

### You Be the Coder: Choose a Diagnosis for Postoperative Swelling

**Question:** I cannot locate "post-operative swelling" under the status choices for postoperative diagnoses? Can you please help me locate the correct?

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**Answer:** Pain and swelling are both component signs of inflammation and infection. Because of that, ICD-9-CM code 998.89 (Postoperative infection; other specified complications of procedures) probably is the most accurate code to report.