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Reader Question: Use 3 Codes To Report Insulin Poisoning

Question: Our patient injected too much insulin and experienced dizziness and blurred vision. Which ICD-9 code(s) should we report for this?

-- Tennessee Subscriber

Answer: Injecting too much insulin is considered a poisoning. Assuming that the patient injected too much insulin accidentally, the appropriate codes for this situation are:

- 962.3 (Poisoning by insulins and antidiabetic agents);
- 250.80 (Diabetic hypoglycemia; type II or unspecified type, not stated as uncontrolled); and
- E858.0 (Accidental poisoning by other drugs; hormones and synthetic substitutes).