

## Home Health ICD-9/ICD-10 Alert

### READER QUESTIONS: Breathe Easier With This Belching Code

Question: Is there an ICD-9 code I can use to report belching?

-- Arkansas Subscriber

Answer: Yes. You should use 787.3 (Flatulence, eructation, and gas pain) for belching.

Reasoning: Belching is also known as eructation. This involves the release of gas from the stomach and/or esophagus through the mouth, usually accompanied by sound and occasionally unpleasant odor. This is typically caused by swallowing air during eating and drinking.