

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

### Reader Questions: Look to V57.1 for Therapy-Only

**Question:** We are caring for an elderly patient following her hospitalization for pneumonia. The pneumonia has resolved leaving her weak. She is receiving physical therapy to help her regain strength so she can resume routine activities. How should we code for her?

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**Answer:** If the patient has been admitted for therapy only, then use V57.1 (Other physical therapy) as primary. Code her deconditioning -- 728.87 (Muscle weakness [generalized]) and V12.61 (Personal history of pneumonia [recurrent]) as secondary diagnoses.