

Home Health ICD-9/ICD-10 Alert

You Be The Coder: Code This Ulcer

Question: How do you code a pressure ulcer of the toe? Is it 707.09 (other site) or 707.00 (unspecified site)?

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Answer: You should never have to code 707.00 (Pressure ulcer; unspecified site) in home care because you always know the site, says **Lisa Selman-Holman, JD, BSN, RN, HCS-D, COS-C**, consultant and principal of Selman-Holman & Associates in Denton, Texas. 707.09 (Pressure ulcer; other site) is the correct code for toe. Be sure that this ulcer on the toe is actually a pressure ulcer -- an ulcer in this location is more likely an arterial ulcer or a diabetic ulcer if the patient is diabetic.