

## MDS Alert

### Coding Quizzer: Don't Be Left Out In The Cold--Know Where To Code Frostbite Wounds

Your SNF admits an elderly gentleman with dementia who wandered outside with only one mitten on in a snowstorm. He has a frostbite wound on one hand that isn't pressure-related or an arterial or venous ulcer. Where would you code this wound?

- A. As a skin ulcer in M1
- B. As an open lesion at M4c
- C. As an abrasion at M4a
- D. Using an ICD-9-CM code in I3 since there's no category for frostbite in Section M

#### Answer

Code Item M4c unless the frostbite wounds are to the foot; then code M6. Source: RAI user's manual. Quizzer by Eli.