

OASIS Alert

Education: Multiple Manifestations Count

When choosing diagnosis codes for diabetic patients, can you sometimes use more than one 250 code?

Yes. If a patient has multiple manifestations, agencies should code for each one, explains consultant **Joan Usher** with **JLU Health Record Systems** in Pembroke, MA. This means you will sometimes use more than one 250 code, she says. The fourth and fifth digits are different in each one, though, to represent a different condition. Remember to list the most acute condition first and then work your way toward the least acute when you use multiple 250 codes, she adds.