

## Pain Management Coding Alert

### Reader Question: Use Clues to Dig for Patella Injury Dx

**Question:** When a patient suffers a dislocated patella, which ICD-10 code should I report to reflect the condition?

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**Answer:** It is going to depend on the specifics of the encounter, but you should narrow your diagnosis coding choices down to the following, depending on encounter and injury specifics:

- **Acute dislocation:** Look at the options under S83.0- (Subluxation and dislocation of patella).
- **Congenital dislocation:** Look at Q74.1 (Congenital malformation of knee).
- **Recurrent dislocation:** Look at the options under M22.0- (Recurrent dislocation of patella)
- **Pathologic dislocation:** Look at the options under M24.36- (Pathological dislocation of knee, not elsewhere classified).