

Risk Coding Tip

Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus with Complications

When coding for patients with diabetes, it is very important to use codes that account for the whole clinical picture—especially the complications associated with diabetes. Start with E11, the code for diabetes, and use the digits following the decimal point to increase your specificity:

Fourth Digit	Body Region	Example of ICD 10	Description	RAF	Additional Information
2	Kidney complications	E11.22	Type 2 diabetes with chronic kidney	0.302	Still need to code the kidney stage (e.g., N18.31)
3	Vision complication	E11.311	Type 2 diabetes with diabetic retinopathy and macular edema	0.302	
4	Neurological complications	E11.42	Type 2 diabetes with polyneuropathy	0.302	
5	Circulatory complications	E11.51	Type 2 diabetes with peripheral vascular complications	0.302	
6	Other specified complications	E11.65	Type 2 diabetes with hyperglycemia	0.302	Recommended to use when your patient has “uncontrolled” Type 2 diabetes.
9	Unspecified	E11.9	Type 2 diabetes, with no complication	0.105	