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## **Musculoskeletal ICD-10-CM Coding Tip Sheet**

Overview of Key Chapter 13 Updates
Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue (M00-M99)

## **Key Updates to the Musculoskeletal System Chapter Include:**

- Most of the codes within chapter 13 have site and laterality designations. For some conditions where more than one bone, joint or muscle is usually involved, such as osteoarthritis, there is a "multiple sites" code available.
- Many musculoskeletal conditions are a result of previous injury or trauma to a site, or are recurrent conditions. Bone, joint or muscle conditions that are the result of a healed injury are usually found in chapter 13

## **Examples of Musculoskeletal Combination Codes**

- M32.11 Endocarditis in systemic lupus erythematosus
- M79.601 Pain in right arm
- M79.602 Pain in left arm
- Note: Wherever there are codes for laterality, there is always a code for unspecified M79.603 – Pain in arm, unspecified

(Source: 2014 Draft ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting)

The top ten musculoskeletal ICD-9 to ICD-10 mappings are found in the chart below.

Тор	ICD-9	ICD o Deceriation	ICD-10	ICD 40 Decembrish
10	Code	ICD-9 Description	Code	ICD-10 Description
1	724.2	Lumbago	M54.5	Low back pain
2	719.46	Pain in joint, lower leg	M25.561	Pain in right knee
			M25.562	Pain in left knee
			M25.569	Pain in unspecified knee
3	723.1	Cervicalgia	M54.2	Cervicalgia
4	729.5	Pain in limb	M79.601	Pain in right arm
			M79.602	Pain in left arm
			M79.603	Pain in arm, unspecified
			M79.604	Pain in right leg
			M79.605	Pain in left leg
			M79.606	Pain in leg, unspecified
			M79.609	Pain in unspecified limb
			M79.621	Pain in right upper arm
			M79.622	Pain in left upper arm
			M79.629	Pain in unspecified upper arm
			M79.631	Pain in right forearm

The Top Ten Musculoskeletal ICD-9 to ICD-10 Mappings Continued

Тор	ICD-9		ICD-10	
10	Code	ICD-9 Description	Code	ICD-10 Description
			M79.632	Pain in left forearm
			M79.639	Pain in unspecified forearm
			M79.641	Pain in right hand
			M79.642	Pain in left hand
			M79.643	Pain in unspecified hand
			M79.644	Pain in right finger(s)
			M79.645	Pain in left finger(s)
			M79.646	Pain in unspecified finger(s)
			M79.651	Pain in right thigh
			M79.652	Pain in left thigh
			M79.659	Pain in unspecified thigh
			M79.661	Pain in right lower leg
			M79.662	Pain in left lower leg
			M79.669	Pain in unspecified lower leg
			M79.671	Pain in right foot
			M79.672	Pain in left foot
			M79.673	Pain in unspecified foot
			M79.674	Pain in right toe(s)
			M79.675	Pain in left toe(s)
			M79.676	Pain in unspecified toe(s)
5	719.41	Pain in joint, shoulder region	M25.511	Pain in right shoulder
			M25.512	Pain in left shoulder
			M25.519	Pain in unspecified shoulder
6	715.16	Osteoarthrosis, localized, primary, lower leg	M17.0	Bilateral primary osteoarthritis of knee
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			M17.11	Unilateral primary osteoarthritis, right knee
			M17.12	Unilateral primary osteoarthritis, left knee
7	724.4	Thoracic or lumbosacral neuritis or radiculitis, unspecified	M51.14	Intervertebral disc disorders with radiculopathy, thoracic region
			M51.15	Intervertebral disc disorders with radiculopathy, thoracolumbar region
			M51.16	Intervertebral disc disorders with radiculopathy, lumbar region
			M51.17	Intervertebral disc disorders with radiculopathy, lumbosacral region
			M54.14	Radiculopathy, thoracic region
			M54.15	Radiculopathy, thoracolumbar region
			M54.16	Radiculopathy, lumbar region
			M54.17	Radiculopathy, lumbosacral region

The Top Ten Musculoskeletal ICD-9 to ICD-10 mappings Continued

Top 10	ICD-9 Code	ICD-9 Description	ICD-10 Code	ICD-10 Description
8	715.96	Osteoarthrosis, unspecified whether generalized or localized, lower leg	M17.9	Osteoarthritis of knee, unspecified
9	719.45	Pain in joint, pelvic region and thigh	M25.551	Pain in right hip
			M25.552	Pain in left hip
			M25.559	Pain in unspecified hip
10	719.47	Pain in joint, ankle and foot	M25.571	Pain in right ankle and joints of right foot
			M25.572	Pain in left ankle and joints of left foot
			M25.579	Pain in unspecified ankle and joints of unspecified foot

The codes highlighted in **orange** indicate the individual ICD-9 code that is being mapped to one or many ICD-10 codes

(Source of ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM mappings: CMS.org General Equivalence Mappings (GEMs), 2014)

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