

# ICD-10 REQUIRED Documentation for Specificity



## Esophageal Reflux

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### Documentation

<b>Document:</b> Presence or absence of esophagitis	<b>Esophagitis is present, document:</b> Any history of alcohol abuse or dependence
<b>Describe other disorders of esophagus if present:</b> Achalasia, ulcer, obstruction, Barrett's	<b>Additional documentation:</b> Presence of Helicobacter pylori and specifically indicate if H. pylori is associated with reflux symptoms; documentation must clearly indicate the causal relationship between H. pylori and reflux, if found

### ICD-9 Codes

530.11 Reflux esophagitis

041.86 Helicobacter pylori [H. pylori]

303.92 Other and unspecified alcohol dependence, episodic

305.1 Tobacco use disorder

### ICD-10 Codes

Below are a few example ICD-10 codes selected to help display how the clinical features of this condition align with the documentation requirements of ICD-10.

**Keep in mind:** To pick the correct code with ICD-10, you need to look in the note for mention of inflammation of the esophagus found during an endoscopic exam. That will tell you whether the GERD is with or without esophagitis.

**K21.0** Gastro-esophageal reflux disease with esophagitis

**K21.9** Gastro-esophageal reflux disease without esophagitis

**B96.81** Helicobacter pylori as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere

**F10.920** Alcohol use, unspecified with intoxication, uncomplicated

**F17.210** Nicotine dependence, cigarettes, uncomplicated