

ICD-10 REQUIRED Documentation for Specificity



Lumbago/Sciatica

THE ICD-10 DOCUMENTER SERIES



Documentation

Specify the presence of lower back pain:	All back pain and radiculopathy:
Lumbago, sciatica, or both	Indicate distribution by spine region: occipito-atlanto-axial, cervical, cervicothoracic, thoracic, thoracolumbar, lumbar, lumbosacral, sacral, sacrococcygeal, or multiple sites in spine
When sciatica is present indicate:	Note if sciatica is due to:
Right or left side	Lesion of the sciatic nerve, or if lumbago is due to low back strain
Any type of radiculopathy:	Injury related:
Specify if it is associated with an intervertebral disc disorder (i.e. lumbago with sciatica due to intervertebral disc disorder)	Include details about the accident (location, activity, etc.)
Indicate any psychogenic dorsalgia	

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.

M54.31	Sciatica, right side
M54.32	Sciatica, left side
M54.41	Lumbago with sciatica, right side
M54.42	Lumbago with sciatica, left side
M54.5	Low back pain
M51.16	Intervertebral disc disorders w radiculopathy, lumbar region
M51.17	Intvrt disc disorders w radiculopathy, lumbosacral region