

Inflammatory Bowel Disease

HCC 33	Intestinal obstruction/ perforation	0.219
HCC 35	Inflammatory bowel disease	0.308

HCC 33 Intestinal obstruction/ perforation includes:

- Many acute conditions requiring hospital care

K25.1	Acute gastric ulcer with perforation
K25.6	Chronic or unspecified gastric ulcer with both hemorrhage and perforation
K27.1	Acute peptic ulcer, site unspecified, with perforation
K56.41	Fecal impaction

HCC 35 Inflammatory bowel disease includes:

K50.-	Crohn's disease without complications
K50.-	Crohn's disease with complications
K51.-	Ulcerative colitis without complications
K51.-	Ulcerative colitis with complications
K51.4-	Inflammatory polyps of the colon with complications
K51.5-	Left sided colitis
K51.8-	Other ulcerative colitis
K51.9-	Ulcerative colitis unspecified

Incidence in US population is 1.3%, per the CDC, but higher in older patients. Other conditions that may occur include cardiovascular and respiratory conditions, cancer, arthritis, kidney disease, liver disease and severe migraines.

Symptoms include diarrhea, rectal bleeding, abdominal pain, fatigue and unintended weight loss. Even when the disease is inactive or dormant, patients are still monitored. If assessed and monitored, document in the assessment and plan, and report annually.

Crohn's disease has specific codes for location (small intestine, large intestine) and complications (rectal bleeding, intestinal obstruction, fistula, abscess and other complications).

Don't forget to add ostomy status codes, if the patient has an ostomy

Z93.1	Gastrostomy status
Z93.2	Ileostomy status
Z93.3	Colostomy status
Z93.4	Other artificial openings of GI tract status

Codes for use for a patient with inactive disease

K50.00 Crohn's disease of small intestine, without complications

K50.10 Crohn's disease of large intestine without complications

K50.80 Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine without complications

K50.90 Crohn's disease unspecified, without complications

K51.00 Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis without complications

K51.20 Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis without complications

K51.30 Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis without complications

K51.40 Inflammatory polyps without complications

K51.50 Left sided colitis without complications

K51.80 Other ulcerative colitis without complications

K51.90 Ulcerative colitis, unspecified, without complications

Codes without a risk adjustment score

K52.9	Non-infective gastroenteritis and colitis, unspecified
K58.-	Irritable bowel syndrome

- Use a specific code whenever possible
- When a condition has a code for a manifestation or complication, use it.
- If the code describes severity or stage, use it.
- Use combination codes when accurate "with bleeding," "with spasm."
- Code conditions annually.
- Follow this ICD-10 guideline:
- Code all documented conditions that coexist at the time of the encounter/visit, and require or affect patient care treatment or management. Do not code conditions that were previously treated and no longer exist.
- And, use from the ICD-10-CM guidelines, use rules in Section I & IV for outpatient/office coding.