

Transplant Status

For transplant patients, close monitoring and exceptional care are vital due to their ongoing need for medication. Therefore, it is crucial to document their transplant status annually, at minimum, using a specific status code. These status codes are essential tools for clinicians, as they help identify a patient's significant past medical events. This identification, in turn, enables accurate diagnoses, which are foundational for effective long-term treatment and anticipating future care requirements. Before any transplant status codes can be assigned, it's necessary to confirm whether a patient has a history of organ or tissue transplantation.

Best Documentation Practices

Clearly document the patient has received a transplant.

Specify the transplant type (e.g., Heart, kidney, liver, or lung).

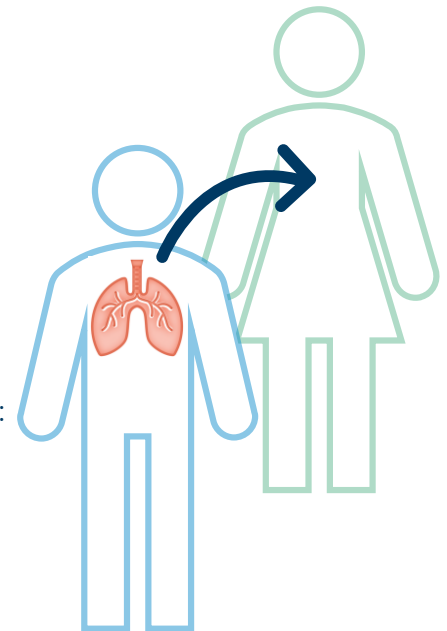
Note the current functional status of the transplanted organ or tissue.

Note co-existing conditions (e.g., Patient still has CKD despite having a kidney transplant).

Link and document complications (No timeframe restrictions):

- Congestive heart failure status post heart transplant
- Hepatitis status post liver transplant
- Pneumonia status post lung transplant
- Malignancies in transplanted organs
- Rejection/Infection

Record the patient's current immunosuppression therapy.



M.E.A.T. the Condition

Proper documentation requires at least one of these four elements be present in the documentation for each condition



How is the patient doing?

Document signs, symptoms, disease progression/regression or ongoing surveillance



What is the current state of the condition?

Document current state, test results, medication effectiveness or response to treatment



How will the condition be evaluated?

Document discussion, review of records, counseling, or ordering further tests



What is being done to help the condition?

Document care, prescribed medications, referral to specialist or other modalities

CMS requires **annual coding and reporting of all chronic conditions**. A condition is not considered present in a given year unless it is appropriately documented and coded in that year.

Transplant Status ICD-10 Code Reference Guide

This list of ICD-10 codes (containing some incomplete codes) is not exhaustive. Refer to the current version of the ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, the ICD-10-CM Index to Diseases and Injuries, and the Tabular List of Diseases for a list of all ICD-10-CM codes and coding instructions. Copies of the Risk Adjustment models can be found at www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/medicare-advantage-rates-statistics/risk-adjustment.

Transplant Status	
Z94.0	Kidney transplant status
Z94.1	Heart transplant status
Z94.2	Lung transplant status
Z94.3	Heart and lungs transplant status
Z94.4	Liver transplant status
Z94.5	Skin transplant status (Autogenous skin transplant status)
Z94.6	Bone transplant status
Z94.7	Corneal transplant status
Z94.8X	Other transplanted organ and tissue status
T86	Complications of transplanted organs and tissue

Coding Example 1

Documentation **Subj:** 65-year-old female, 2 years post-OLT for alcohol related cirrhosis. Feeling well, denies symptoms of rejection/infection. Sober for 3 years, participating in AA weekly.
Assessment & Plan: Liver transplant status, Alcohol dependence, in remission – Adherence to medication and sobriety

ICD-10 Code(s) Z94.4 Liver transplant status; F10.21 Alcohol dependence, in remission

Rationale The clinician's record clearly indicates the patient has had a liver transplant and addresses the history of alcohol dependence with adherence to sobriety.

Coding Example 2

Documentation **HPI:** Hospitalization F/U for UTI d/t E coli. Prescribed Bactrim. Today is the last day for antibiotic course, no side effects to report. Continues Tacrolimus as prescribed.
Assessment & Plan: Urinary Tract Infection, 2 months post kidney transplant

ICD-10 Code(s) T86.13 Kidney transplant infection; N39.0 Urinary tract infection, site not specified; B96.20 Escherichia coli NOS

Rationale The clinician's record clearly indicates the kidney transplant complication as an infection, detailing the type as UTI and the HPI indicates the specific infectious agent.

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