



# ICD-10-CM Coding Tip

## Routine Child Health Examination

In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding and Medical Billing Professionals with ICD-10, the following training tip is provided with an educational intent.

**TIP:** In ICD-10, some of the codes for routine health examinations distinguish between “with” and “without” abnormal findings. Code assignment depends on the information that is known at the time the encounter is being coded. For example, if no abnormal findings were found during the examination, but the encounter is being coded before test results are back, it is acceptable to assign the code for “without abnormal findings.” When assigning a code for “with abnormal findings,” additional code(s) should be assigned to identify the specific abnormal finding(s).

In ICD-9 there is only one code for routine child health examination (V20.2), but in ICD-10, there are two codes. These codes are used for children over 28 days old and include development testing. These codes are:

- Z00.121: Encounter for routine child health *examination with abnormal findings*
- Z00.129: Encounter for routine child health *examination without abnormal findings*

**Source:**

Leon-Chisen, N.(2013) *ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Coding Handbook 2014*. Chicago, IL: AHA Press.

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