

## Excludes 1 Means: Not Coded Here

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

ICD-10-CM has two types of excludes notes which are designated as Excludes 1 or Excludes 2.

- Excludes 1 means “NOT CODED HERE”.
- The two conditions cannot be reported together.
- It is unacceptable to use both the code and the Excludes 1 code together.
- The codes listed under Excludes 1 note should **never** be used with the code listed above the Excludes 1 note.

### Example:

#### **J03 Acute Tonsillitis**

Excludes 1: Acute Sore Throat (J02.-)  
Hypertrophy of Tonsils (J35.1)  
Peritonsillar Abscess (J36)  
Sore Throat NOS (J02.9)  
Streptococcal Sore Throat (J02.0)

Source: ICD-10-CM Draft Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting 2015

Source: ICD-10-CM Professional for Hospitals, The Complete Official Draft Code Set, 2015

Leon-Chisen, N.(2014) ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Coding Handbook 2015. Chicago, IL: AHA Press

In this example codes included in category J03 - Acute Tonsillitis, cannot be coded together with any of the codes listed under the Excludes 1.

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