



ICD-10 Coding Tip

Dislocation, Lumbar Vertebra

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.

Lumbar Vertebra Dislocation Defined: The physiological interruption of the lumbar spine, resulting from an impact that causes one vertebra to shift position over the vertebrae below it.

Subluxation is a partial dislocation. These are classified to the Injuries to lower back, lumbar spine, etc). A new term added in ICD-10-CM (following adoption by The World Health Organization) under Diseases of the Musculoskeletal system is *biomechanical lesion*, (a loss of cohesion of tissue) a major condition treated by chiropractic physicians, - code category M99.-, with subcategories for various sections of the body including subluxation complex of the lumbar (vertebral) region.

Signs and Symptoms: The primary symptom is moderate to severe back pain made worse by movement. With spinal cord involvement: numbness, tingling, weakness, or bowel and bladder dysfunction.

Underlying Causes: Trauma from high-impact contact sports, motor-vehicle accidents, falls, skiing and diving accidents, and injuries from strains, blasts or falling objects.

ICD-9 Coding: Dislocation, Lumbar Vertebra: 839.20

ICD-10 Coding: (7th character needed for S33.- Initial, Subsequent, or Sequela Encounter)

Traumatic rupture of lumbar intervertebral disc: S33.0XX-

Dislocation, Lumbar Joint: S33.1-

L1 and L2 -	Subluxation	S33.110: Dislocation	S33.111
L2 and L3 -	Subluxation	S33.120: Dislocation	S33.121
L3 and L4 -	Subluxation	S33.130: Dislocation	S33.131
L4 and L5 -	Subluxation	S33.140: Dislocation	S33.141

Biomechanical Lesion, NEC, Subluxation complex (vertebral), of lumbar region: M99.13

References: Reed Group, Medical Disability Advisor, MDGuidelines; mdhil.com, health directory; dynamicchiropractic.com, vol 32, Number 1; Chiro.org blog

Coding Clinic is the official resource and authority for ICD-10 coding rules and conventions.

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