

Influenza

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Coding Tip
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Influenza may also involve body systems other than the respiratory system, such as the gastrointestinal tract or other manifestations such as encephalopathy, myocarditis, and otitis media

Examples:

J09.X3

Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with gastrointestinal manifestations

J10.89

Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other manifestations

Additional Influenza Coding Tips

Similar to the guidelines for coding HIV infection, categories J09 and J10 are assigned only for confirmed cases of avian influenza, novel/non-novel influenza A, or other specifically identified influenza viruses, not for unspecified influenza

In this context, "confirmation" does not require documentation of positive laboratory testing; however, it does require provider documentation of avian influenza or other novel influenza A

A code from categories J09 or J10 is not assigned when the diagnostic statement indicates that the infection is "suspected," "possible," or "likely"

This advice is an exception to the general guideline that directs the coding professional to assign a code for an inpatient diagnosis qualified as "suspected" or "possible" as if it were established.

Instead, a code from category J11, Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus, should be assigned