



# Common Chiropractic ICD Codes List

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As you use this coding list, pay particular attention to the symbols and the underscore designation (\_) located throughout this document and referenced in the key at the bottom of this page. You must reference a complete ICD-10 coding manual to determine the final code.

## Spinal Subluxation

M99.00	Segmental and somatic dysfunction, head region (occipito-cervical)	
M99.10	Subluxation complex (vertebral), head region	
M99.01	Segmental and somatic dysfunction, cervical region	
M99.11	Subluxation complex (vertebral), cervical region	
M99.02	Segmental and somatic dysfunction, thoracic region	
M99.12	Subluxation complex (vertebral), thoracic region	
M99.03	Segmental and somatic dysfunction, lumbar region	
M99.13	Subluxation complex (vertebral), lumbar region	
M99.04	Segmental and somatic dysfunction, sacral region	
M99.14	Subluxation complex (vertebral), sacral region	
M99.05	Segmental and somatic dysfunction, pelvic region	
M99.15	Subluxation complex (vertebral), pelvic region	

## Cervical Region

G54.2	Cervical root disorders, NEC
M47.812	Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, cervical region
M47.813	Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, cervicothoracic region
M47.12	Other spondylosis with myelopathy, cervical region
M47.13	Other spondylosis with myelopathy, cervicothoracic region
M50.01	Cervical disc disorder with myelopathy, high cervical region
M50.021	Cervical disc disorder at C4-C5 level, with myelopathy
M50.022	Cervical disc disorder at C5-C6 level, with myelopathy
M50.023	Cervical disc disorder at C6-C7 level, with myelopathy
M50.03	Cervical disc disorder with myelopathy, cervicothoracic region
M50.11	Cervical disc disorder with radiculopathy, high cervical region §
M50.120	Mid cervical disc disorder, unspecified level

## ICD-10 Code Format

ICD-10 codes may contain up to 7 alphanumeric digits

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Category

Etiology,  
anatomic site,  
severity

Extension

### QUICK TIP

The documentation for the Subluxation complex series (M99.1X) must be more comprehensive, including chemical reactions, nerve root notation, etc., and may not be considered for coverage by any carrier.

The Dislocation codes S13.101\_; S23.101\_; S33.101\_; and S33.2XX\_ are for traumatic subluxations only. Refer to ICD-10 guidelines for specific criteria required. Confirm with your Medicare carrier and other third party payers which subluxation codes they require.

## Key

- \* Designate Laterality
- \*\* Designate 7th Character
- § See Excludes Notes in ICD-10 Book
- 1 Right
- 2 Left
- A Initial Encounter
- D Subsequent Encounter
- S Sequela

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M50.121	Cervical disc disorder at C4-C5 level, with radiculopathy §
M50.122	Cervical disc disorder at C5-C6 level, with radiculopathy §
M50.123	Cervical disc disorder at C6-C7 level, with radiculopathy §
M50.13	Cervical disc disorder with radiculopathy, cervicothoracic region §
M50.21	Other cervical disc displacement, high cervical region
M50.220	Other cervical disc displacement, mid-cervical region, unspecified level
M50.221	Other cervical disc displacement at C4-C5 level
M50.222	Other cervical disc displacement at C5-C6 level
M50.223	Other cervical disc displacement at C6-C7 level
M50.23	Other cervical disc displacement, cervicothoracic region
M50.31	Other cervical disc degeneration, high cervical region
M50.320	Other cervical disc degeneration, mid-cervical region, unspecified level
M50.321	Other cervical disc degeneration at C4-C5 level
M50.322	Other cervical disc degeneration at C5-C6 level
M50.323	Other cervical disc degeneration at C6-C7 level
M50.33	Other cervical disc degeneration, cervicothoracic region
M50.81	Other cervical disc disorders, high cervical region
M50.820	Other cervical disc disorders, mid-cervical, unspecified region
M50.821	Other cervical disc disorders at C4-C5 level
M50.822	Other cervical disc disorders at C5-C6 level
M50.823	Other cervical disc disorders at C6-C7 level
M50.83	Other cervical disc disorders, cervicothoracic region
M50.91	Cervical disc disorder, unspecified, high cervical region
M50.921	Cervical disc disorder at C4-C5 level
M50.922	Cervical disc disorder at C5-C6 level
M50.923	Cervical disc disorder at C6-C7
M50.93	Cervical disc disorder, unspecified, cervicothoracic region
M46.41	Discitis, unspecified, occipito-atlanto-axial region
M46.42	Discitis, unspecified, cervical region
M46.43	Discitis, unspecified, cervicothoracic region
M48.02	Spinal stenosis, cervical region
M48.03	Spinal stenosis, cervicothoracic region
M53.0	Cervicocranial syndrome
M53.1	Cervicobrachial syndrome

M54.2	Cervicalgia
M54.12	Radiculopathy, cervical region
M54.13	Radiculopathy, cervicothoracic region
M43.6	Torticollis
M53.82	Other specified dorsopathies, cervical region (includes facet syndrome)
M53.83	Other specified dorsopathies, cervicothoracic region (includes facet syndrome)
S13.4xx_	Sprain of ligaments of cervical spine ** §
S13.8xx_	Sprain of joints and ligaments of other part of neck ** §
S16.1xx_	Strain of muscle, fascia, and tendon at neck level ** §

## Thoracic Region

G54.3	Thoracic root disorders, NEC
M47.814	Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, thoracic region
M47.815	Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, thoracolumbar region
M47.14	Other spondylosis with myelopathy, thoracic region
M47.15	Other spondylosis with myelopathy, thoracolumbar region
M51.24	Other intervertebral disc displacement, thoracic region
M51.25	Other intervertebral disc displacement, thoracolumbar region
M51.34	Other intervertebral disc degeneration, thoracic region
M51.35	Other intervertebral disc degeneration, thoracolumbar region
M51.04	Intervertebral disc disorders with myelopathy, thoracic region
M51.05	Intervertebral disc disorders with myelopathy, thoracolumbar region
M46.44	Discitis, unspecified, thoracic region
M46.45	Discitis, unspecified, thoracolumbar region
M51.84	Other intervertebral disc disorders, thoracic region
M51.85	Other intervertebral disc disorders, thoracolumbar region
M48.04	Spinal stenosis, thoracic region
M48.05	Spinal stenosis, thoracolumbar region
M53.84	Other specified dorsopathies, thoracic region (includes facet syndrome)
M53.85	Other specified dorsopathies, thoracolumbar region (includes facet syndrome)
M54.14	Radiculopathy, thoracic region §
M54.15	Radiculopathy, thoracolumbar region §
M54.6	Pain in thoracic spine
S23.3xx_	Sprain of ligaments of thoracic spine ** §
S23.8xx_	Sprain of other specified parts of thorax ** §
S29.01_	Strain of muscle or tendon of thorax ** §

## Code Description

**And** - Means “and/or” when it appears in a title or narrative statement.

**With** - Term used in the alphabetic index immediately following the main term, but not necessarily in alphabetic order.

**Includes** - Term that is accompanied by conditions that are examples of what may be included in a specific category.

**See** - Refer to another term.

**See also** - Term used to instruct the coder to refer to another term.

**Code also** - More than one code must be assigned. Does not imply any sequencing guidance.

**Code first** - Instructs the coder to assign the code for the underlying disease before the code for the manifestation of the disease and generally accompanies a manifestation code.

**Not Elsewhere Classifiable (NEC)** - May be interpreted as “other specified;” codes with this abbreviation are assigned when there is more specific documentation but no code exists for the appropriate level of specificity.

**Not Otherwise Specified (NOS)** - Another way of stating “unspecified;” codes with this abbreviation are assigned when more specific codes may exist but the documentation lacks specificity.

**Brackets [ ]** - Indicate that the manifestation should be sequenced after the disease code.

**Parentheses ( )** - Punctuation found in both the tabular list and the alphabetic index that surrounds nonessential modifiers.

**Nonessential modifiers** - Terms that may coexist with the main term but do not change the code assignment for the condition.

**Colon** - Punctuation found in the tabular list when a term must be modified by the addition of another term in order to qualify it for assignment of a specific code or to a category.

## QUICK TIP

**Excludes 1:** Indicates that the code excluded should never be used with the code where the note is located. Do not report both codes. For example, M43.17 Spondylolisthesis, lumbosacral region/ Excludes 1- Q76.2 Congenital spondylolisthesis.

**Excludes 2:** Indicates that the condition excluded is not part of the condition represented by the code but a patient may have both conditions at the same time, in which case both codes may be assigned together. Both codes can be reported to capture both conditions, if appropriate. For example, S16.1xA, Strain of muscle, fascia and tendon at neck level, initial/Excludes 2 – S13.9 Sprain of joint or ligament at neck level.

## Lumbar / Sacral Region

G54.1	Lumbosacral plexus disorders
G54.4	Lumbosacral root disorders, NEC
M46.1	Sacroiliitis, NEC
M47.816	Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbar region
M47.817	Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbosacral region
M47.818	Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, sacral and sacrococcygeal region
M47.16	Other spondylosis with myelopathy, lumbar region
M51.26	Other intervertebral disc displacement, lumbar region
M51.27	Other intervertebral disc displacement, lumbosacral region
M51.36	Other intervertebral disc degeneration, lumbar region
M51.37	Other intervertebral disc degeneration, lumbosacral region
M46.46	Discitis, unspecified, lumbar region
M46.47	Discitis, unspecified, lumbosacral region
M46.48	Discitis, unspecified, sacral and sacrococcygeal region
M46.49	Discitis, unspecified, multiple sites of spine
M51.86	Other intervertebral disc disorders, lumbar region
M51.87	Other intervertebral disc disorders, lumbosacral region
M48.061	Spinal stenosis, lumbar region <u>without</u> neurogenic claudication
M48.062	Spinal stenosis, lumbar region <u>with</u> neurogenic claudication
M48.07	Spinal stenosis, lumbosacral region
M48.08	Spinal stenosis, sacral and sacrococcygeal region
M43.2_	Fusion of spine §
M53.86	Other specified dorsopathies, lumbar region (includes facet syndrome)
M53.87	Other specified dorsopathies, lumbosacral region (includes facet syndrome)
M53.88	Other specified dorsopathies, sacral and sacrococcygeal region (includes facet syndrome)
M54.3_	Sciatica, ____side * §
M54.4_	Lumbago with sciatica, ____side * §
M54.50	Low back pain, unspecified
M54.51	Vertebrogenic low back pain
M54.59	Other low back pain
M54.16	Radiculopathy, lumbar region §
M54.17	Radiculopathy, lumbosacral region §
M54.18	Radiculopathy, sacral and sacrococcygeal region §
S33.5xx_	Sprain of ligaments of lumbar spine ** §
S33.6xx_	Sprain of sacroiliac joint ** §
S33.8xx_	Sprain of both parts of lumbar spine and pelvis ** §
S39.01_	Strain of muscle, fascia and tendon of abdomen, lower back and pelvis ** §

# Extremities

G56.0_	Carpal tunnel syndrome, ____ upper limb(s) * §
G56.1_	Other lesions of median nerve, ____ upper limb(s) * §
G56.2_	Lesions of ulnar nerve, ____ upper limb(s) * §
G56.3_	Lesion of radial nerve, ____ upper limb(s) * §
G56.4_	Causalgia of ____ upper limb(s) * §
G57.0_	Lesion of sciatic nerve ____ * §
G57.5_	Tarsel tunnel syndrome, ____ * §
G57.6_	Lesion of plantar nerve, ____ * §
G57.7_	Causalgia of ____ lower limb * §
M21.61_	Bunion of ____ foot *
M21.62_	Bunionette of ____ foot *
M24.61_	Ankylosis, ____ shoulder *
M24.62_	Ankylosis, ____ elbow *
M24.63_	Ankylosis, ____ wrist *
M24.64_	Ankylosis, ____ hand *
M24.65_	Ankylosis, ____ hip *
M24.66_	Ankylosis, ____ knee *
M24.67_	Ankylosis, ____ ankle *
M24.674	Ankylosis, right foot
M24.675	Ankylosis, left foot
M25.51_	Pain in joints of ____ shoulder *
M25.52_	Pain in joints of ____ elbow *
M25.53_	Pain in joints of ____ wrist *
M25.54_	Pain in joints of ____ hand *
M25.55_	Pain in joints of ____ hip *
M25.56_	Pain in joints of ____ knee *
M25.57_	Pain in joints of ____ ankle and foot *
M25.61_	Stiffness of ____ shoulder, nec *
M25.64_	Stiffness of ____ hand, nec *
M25.65_	Stiffness of ____ hip, nec *
M25.67_	Stiffness of ankle and foot nec (specify)
M26.60_	Right temporomandibular joint disorder, unspecified
M26.602	Left temporomandibular joint disorder, unspecified
M26.603	Bilateral temporomandibular joint disorder, unspecified
M26.609	Unspecified temporomandibular joint disorder, unspecified side
M26.611	Adhesions and ankylosis of right temporomandibular joint

## Let's Build a Code

ICD-10 codes are logical in their composition as they expand with increased specificity.

**S 8 3 . 4 1 2 A**

S = Injuries, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes related to single body regions

S83 = dislocation and sprain of joints and ligaments of knee

S83.4 = Sprain of collateral ligament of knee

S83.41 = Sprain of medial collateral ligament of knee

S83.412 = Sprain of medial collateral ligament of left knee

S83.412A = sprain of medial collateral ligament of left knee, Initial encounter

## QUICK TIP

Guidelines for Chapter 19 injury codes state “while the patient may be seen by a new or different provider over the course of treatment for an injury, assignment of the 7th character is **based on whether the patient is undergoing active treatment and not whether the provider is seeing the patient for the first time...** 7th character “A”, initial encounter, is used while the patient is receiving **active treatment for the condition**. Examples of active treatment are... **evaluation and continuing treatment by the same or a different physician.**” Check with your carriers to confirm how they expect the 7th character to be used.

M26.612	Adhesions and ankylosis of left temporomandibular joint
M26.613	Adhesions and ankylosis of bilateral temporomandibular joint
M26.619	Adhesions and ankylosis of temporomandibular joint, unspecified side
M70.1_	Bursitis, ____ hand *
M70.7_	Other bursitis of hip, ____ hip *
M75.3_	Calcific tendinitis of ____ shoulder *
M75.4_	Impingement syndrome of ____ shoulder *
M75.5_	Bursitis of ____ shoulder *
M75.9_	Shoulder lesion, unspecified, ____ shoulder *
M76.1_	Psoas tendinitis, ____ hip *
M76.6_	Achilles tendinitis, ____ leg *
M76.89_	Other enthesopathy of ____ lower limb, excluding foot *
M77.1_	Lateral epicondylitis, ____ elbow *
M77.2_	Periarthritis, ____ wrist *
M77.4_	Metatarsalgia, ____ foot *
M79.65_	Pain in ____ thigh *
M79.64_	Pain in hand and fingers*
M79.67_	Pain in foot and toes*
M79.66_	Pain in lower ____ leg *
R25.2	Cramp and spasm
M21.4_	Flat foot, acquired, ____ foot *
M20.4_	Other hammer toe(s), acquired, ____ foot *
M99.06	Segmental and somatic dysfunction of lower extremity 
M99.16	Subluxation complex (vertebral), lower extremity
M99.07	Segmental and somatic dysfunction of upper extremity 
M99.17	Subluxation complex (vertebral), upper extremity
M99.08	Segmental and somatic dysfunction of rib cage 
M99.18	Subluxation complex (vertebral), rib cage
M99.09	Segmental and somatic dysfunction of abdomen and other regions 
M99.19	Subluxation complex (vertebral), abdomen and other regions
S43.206_	Unspecified closed dislocation of unspecified sternoclavicular joint **
S43.5_x_	Sprain of ____ acromioclavicular joint *** §
S46.____	Injury of muscle, fascia and tendon at shoulder and upper arm level ** §
S43.4__	Sprain of ____ shoulder joint *** §
S46.81_	Strain of other muscles, fascia and tendons at shoulder and upper arm, __ arm *** §
S53.4__	Sprain of ____ elbow *** §
S56.21_	Strain of other flexor muscle, fascia and tendon at forearm level, ____ arm *** §
S63.50_	Other and unspecified sprain of ____ wrist *** §

S63.5__	Sprain of ____ (carpal/radiocarpal) joint *** §
S66.91_	Strain of unspecified muscle, fascia and tendon at wrist and hand level, __ hand *** §
S73.1__	Other sprain of ____ (specify ligament) hip *** §
S76.91_	Strain of unspecified muscles, fascia and tendons at thigh level *** §
S83.4__	Other sprain of ____ (specify location) knee/ligament/joint*** §
S86.81_	Strain of muscles and tendons at lower leg level *** §
S93.____	Sprain of ____ (specify ligament/joint) ankle, toe, foot *** §
S96.91_	Strain of unspecified muscle and tendon at ____ankle and foot level *** §
S23.41x	Sprain of ribs ** §
S29.01_	Strain of muscle or tendon of thorax ** §

## Other Symptoms and Conditions

G44.201	Tension-type headache, unspecified, intractable
G44.209	Tension-type headache, unspecified, not intractable
G44.86	Cervicogenic headache
G43.101	Migraine with aura, not intractable, with status migrainosus
G43.109	Migraine with aura, not intractable, without status migrainosus
G43.111	Migraine with aura, intractable, with status migrainosus
G43.119	Migraine with aura, intractable, without status migrainosus
G54.0	Brachial plexus disorders, thoracic outlet syndrome
G58.0	Intercostal neuralgia/neuropathy §
M46.02	Spinal enthesopathy, cervical region
M46.03	Spinal enthesopathy, cervicothoracic region
M46.04	Spinal enthesopathy, thoracic region
M46.05	Spinal enthesopathy, thoracolumbar region
M46.06	Spinal enthesopathy, lumbar region
M46.07	Spinal enthesopathy, lumbosacral region
M46.08	Spinal enthesopathy, sacral and sacrococcygeal region
M46.09	Spinal enthesopathy, multiple sites in spine
M46.91	Unspecified inflammatory spondylopathy, occipito-atlanto-axial region
M46.92	Unspecified inflammatory spondylopathy, cervical region
M46.93	Unspecified inflammatory spondylopathy, cervicothoracic region
M46.94	Unspecified inflammatory spondylopathy, thoracic region
M46.95	Unspecified inflammatory spondylopathy, thoracolumbar region
M46.96	Unspecified inflammatory spondylopathy, lumbar region
M46.97	Unspecified inflammatory spondylopathy, lumbosacral region
M46.98	Unspecified inflammatory spondylopathy, sacral and sacrococcygeal region
M46.99	Unspecified inflammatory spondylopathy, multiple sites of spine



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M54.89	Other dorsalgia
M54.9	Dorsalgia, unspecified
M43.8x1	Other specified deforming dorsopathies, occipito-atlanto-axial region
M43.8x2	Other specified deforming dorsopathies, cervical region
M43.8x3	Other specified deforming dorsopathies, cervicothoracic
M43.8x4	Other specified deforming dorsopathies, thoracic
M43.8x5	Other specified deforming dorsopathies, thoracolumbar
M43.8x6	Other specified deforming dorsopathies, lumbar
M43.8x7	Other specified deforming dorsopathies, lumbosacral
M43.8x8	Other specified deforming dorsopathies, sacral and sacrococcygeal
M53.9	Dorsopathy, unspecified
M62.48	Contracture of muscle, other site
M62.49	Contracture of muscle, multiple sites
M62.5A0	Muscle wasting and atrophy, not elsewhere classified, back, cervical
M62.5A1	Muscle wasting and atrophy, not elsewhere classified, back, thoracic
M62.5A2	Muscle wasting and atrophy, not elsewhere classified, back, lumbosacral
M62.5A9	Muscle wasting and atrophy, not elsewhere classified, back, unspecified site
M62.830	Muscle spasm of back
M62.831	Muscle spasm of calf
M62.838	Other muscle spasm
M62.9	Disorder of muscle, unspecified
M60.9	Myositis, unspecified
M79.12	Myalgia of auxiliary muscles, head and neck
M79.18	Myalgia, other site
M79.7	Fibromyalgia

**QUICK TIP**

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**QUICK TIP**

Some codes in ICD-10-CM specify the laterality. If no bilateral code is provided and the condition is bilateral, assign separate codes for both the left and right side.

**QUICK TIP**

Not every ICD-10-CM code with a seventh character has a sixth character—or even a fifth or fourth character for that matter. The letter “x” serves as a placeholder when a code contains fewer than six characters to ensure the seventh character remains in the seventh position.

**Important:** This reference tool is intended for use as a helpful resource for proper and efficient ICD-10 coding. It does not include the complete code definitions for those codes listed and does not represent the complete ICD-10 code set available for chiropractic use. Important coding instructions are not contained within this tool. A current year coding manual is recommended for use to verify the information described above.