

# Tips & Tricks

## Find and assign the appropriate ortho aftercare codes

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# Injury vs. Aftercare

Injury type	Code choice
Musculoskeletal injury sustained through trauma	<b>Injury.</b> Assign code from Ch. 19, with appropriate 7th character.
Musculoskeletal injury resulting from trauma, surgically repaired	<b>Injury.</b> Assign code from Ch. 19, with appropriate 7th character.
Musculoskeletal injury resulting from disease process, surgically repaired	<b>Aftercare.</b> Assign appropriate code from Z47.- (Orthopedic aftercare).

# Aftercare Guidelines

*The aftercare Z codes should also not be used for aftercare for injuries. For aftercare of an injury, assign the acute injury code with the appropriate 7<sup>th</sup> character (for subsequent encounter).*

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