



# Tips & Tricks

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# Find & assign the correct pulmonary condition codes

# J44 4<sup>th</sup> Characters

“0” – COPD co-occurring with an acute respiratory infection

“1” – exacerbated COPD

“9” – COPD unspecified

# Other Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease Categories

Category	Diagnosis
J40	Bronchitis, not specified as acute or chronic
J41	Simple and mucopurulent chronic bronchitis
J42	Unspecified chronic bronchitis
J43	Emphysema
J45	Asthma
J47	Bronchiectasis

# Quick Guide to COPD Coding

Condition	ICD-10 Code
COPD with no other information	<b>J44.9</b> COPD, unspecified
Chronic obstructive bronchitis	<b>J44.-</b> Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Chronic obstructive asthma	<b>J44.-</b> Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
COPD with distinct type of asthma (i.e., other than chronic obstructive)	<b>J44.-</b> Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease <b>J45.-</b> Asthma
COPD with acute exacerbation	<b>J44.1</b> COPD with (acute) exacerbation
COPD with acute lower respiratory infection (e.g., acute bronchitis, pneumonia)	<b>J44.0</b> COPD with acute lower respiratory infection *Use additional code to identify the infection
Chronic bronchitis with emphysema	<b>J44.-</b> Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Emphysema without chronic bronchitis	<b>J43.-</b> Emphysema
Decompensated COPD	<b>J44.1</b> COPD with (acute) exacerbation