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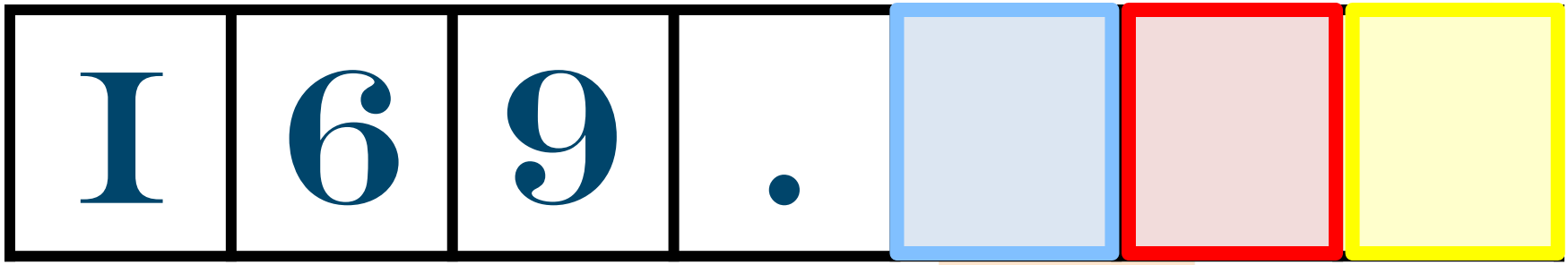
Breakdown of I69 Codes



4th Character	5th Character	6th Character
Identifies the underlying cause of the sequela such as cerebrovascular accident (CVA)	Identifies the condition itself, such as cognitive deficits or monoplegia	Identifies the specific deficit, side of body and/or dominant vs. non-dominant

Dominant Defaults

Should the affected side be documented, but not specified as dominant or nondominant, and the classification system does not indicate a default, code selection is as follows:

Affected Side	Default
Left	**Non-dominant**
Right	**Dominant**

*For ambidextrous patients, default should be dominant

Cognitive Deficit Expansion

FY2017 added 6th character codes in I69 to the 5th characters of "1"

6th	Descriptor
0	Attention and concentration deficit following …
1	Memory deficit following …
2	Visuospatial deficit and spatial neglect following …
3	Psychomotor deficit following …
4	Frontal lobe and executive function deficit following …
5	Cognitive social or emotional deficit …
8	Other symptoms and signs involving cognitive functions following …
9	Unspecified symptoms and signs involving cognitive functions following …