

Major Diagnostic Category (MDC)

MDC Description	MS-DRG
1 Nervous system	020 - 103
2 Eye	113 - 125
3 Ear, Nose, Mouth & Throat	129 - 159
4 Respiratory System	163 - 208
5 Circulatory System	215 - 316
6 Digestive System	326 - 395
7 Hepatobiliary System & Pancreas	405 - 446
8 Musculoskeletal System & Connective Tissue	453 - 566
9 Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue & Breast	573 - 607
10 Endocrine, Nutritional & Metabolic System	614 - 645
11 Kidney & Urinary Tract	652 - 700
12 Male Reproductive System	707 - 730
13 Female Reproductive System	734 - 761
14 Pregnancy; Childbirth	765 - 782; 998
15 Newborns & Neonates (Perinatal Period)	789 - 795
16 Blood, Blood Forming Organs & Immunological Disorders	799 - 816
17 Myeloproliferative Diseases & Disorders	820 - 849
18 Infectious & Parasitic Disease & Disorders	853 - 872
19 Mental Diseases & Disorders	876 - 887
20 Alcohol/Drug Use or Induced Mental Disorders	894 - 897
21 Injuries, Poison & Toxic Effects of Drugs	901 - 923
22 Burns	927 - 935
23 Factors influencing Health Status	939 - 951
24 Multiple Significant Trauma	955 - 965
25 Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infections	969 - 977
26 Transplants	001 - 013
27 Extensive Procedures Unrelated to Principal Diagnosis	981-989, 999

One MS-DRG is assigned to each inpatient stay. The MS-DRGs are assigned using the principal diagnosis and additional diagnoses, the principal procedure and additional procedures, sex and discharge status. Diagnoses and procedures assigned by using ICD-9-CM codes determine the MS-DRG assignment

About MDC

The Major Diagnostic Categories (MDC) are formed by dividing all possible principal diagnoses (from ICD-9-CM) into 25 mutually exclusive diagnosis areas. MDC codes, like diagnosis-related group (DRG) codes, are primarily a claims and administrative data element unique to the United States medical care reimbursement system. DRG codes also are mapped, or grouped, into MDC codes. The diagnoses in each MDC correspond to a single organ system or etiology and, in general, are associated with a particular medical specialty. MDC 1 to MDC 23 are grouped according to principal diagnoses. Patients are assigned to MDC 24 (Multiple Significant Trauma) with at least two significant trauma diagnosis codes (either as principal or secondaries) from different body site categories. Patients assigned to MDC 25 (HIV Infections) must have a principal diagnosis of an HIV Infection or a principal diagnosis of a significant HIV related condition and a secondary diagnosis of an HIV Infection.. MDC 0, unlike the others, can be reached from a number of diagnosis/procedure situations, all related to transplants. This is due to the expense involved for the transplants so designated and because these transplants can be needed for a number of reasons which do not all come from one diagnosis domain. DRGs which reach MDC 0 are assigned to the MDC for the principal diagnosis instead of to the MDC associated with the designated DRG.

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