

## Coding and Documentation Tips for Peripheral Vascular Disease

The terms arteriosclerosis and atherosclerosis may be used interchangeably for coding and documentation purposes.		ICD-10-CM
<b>Peripheral Arterial Disease</b>	Peripheral arterial disease, intermittent claudication and peripheral vascular disease are all codes to:	<b>173.9</b>
Documentation for this subcategory must include: right leg, left leg, bilateral legs, other extremities and unspecified extremity in order to assign 6th character →	➤ Unspecified atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities-	<b>170.20-</b>
	➤ Atherosclerosis of the native arteries of extremities with intermittent claudication-	<b>170.21-</b>
	➤ Atherosclerosis of native arteries with rest pain-	<b>170.22-</b>
Report ulceration of: thigh, calf, ankle, heel and midfoot, other part of foot, other part of lower left or right leg, and unspecified site. →	➤ Atherosclerosis of native arteries of right leg with ulceration-	<b>170.23-</b>
	➤ Atherosclerosis of native arteries of left leg with ulceration-	<b>170.24-</b>
➤ Atherosclerosis of native arteries of other extremities with ulcerations — include code to identify the severity of the ulcer (L98.49-)		<b>170.25-</b>
Report: right leg, left leg, bilateral legs, other extremities and unspecified extremity →	➤ Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities with gangrene include code to identify the severity of the ulcer (L97.-, L98.49-) if applicable	<b>170.26-</b>
<b>-5th and 6th characters required in the blue boxes below</b>		
Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic peripheral angiopathy without gangrene	<b>E11.51</b> Non-pressure chronic ulcer of the lower limb, not elsewhere classified	Non-pressure chronic ulcer of thigh <b>L97.1-</b>
Type 2 diabetes mellitus with peripheral vascular disease with gangrene	<b>E11.52</b> Non-pressure chronic ulcer of calf	Non-pressure chronic ulcer of ankle <b>L97.3-</b>
Non-pressure chronic ulcer of heel and midfoot	<b>L97.4-</b>	Non-pressure chronic ulcer of other part of foot <b>L97.5-</b>
Non-pressure chronic ulcer of other part of lower leg	<b>L97.8-</b>	Non-pressure chronic ulcer of unspecified part of lower leg <b>L97-9-</b>
<b>While documenting ulcers, be sure to document the type of ulcer, the site of ulcer, laterality of ulcer and the severity of ulcer</b>		

### Peripheral Vascular Disease Documentation Tips:

- **Type 2 diabetes mellitus with circulatory complication:** There is an assumed relationship between diabetes and peripheral vascular disease. Both conditions must be documented and valid to capture code.
- It is important **not to** document ulcers as “wounds,” “open wounds” or “lesions.”

### Coding Scenario:

An 80-year-old female patient comes in for an annual wellness exam. During that visit, the provider documents, “Diabetic PVD with gangrene and ulcer of the left heel, with exposed fat layer.”

- E11.52**      Type 2 diabetes mellitus with peripheral vascular disease with gangrene
- L97.422**    Non-pressure chronic ulcer of left heel midfoot with fat layer exposed