

Ontario OHIP Diagnostic Codes

Physician reference & FHO acuity guide

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High-acuity codes & common coding traps

The codes that most affect FHO acuity and complexity capture — with the practical coding pitfalls that cause under-coding. Built by the physicians at Ajax Harwood Clinic.

Tier 1 — Critical acuity

- 042** **AIDS / Advanced HIV** — Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection: AIDS
Coding note: Code 042 is for AIDS-defining illness. Stable treated HIV should use 044 ('other HIV infection') — physicians often use 042 for all HIV, overstating severity in some contexts but also leaving 044 uncoded for managed patients.
- 044** **Stable / Treated HIV** — Other human immunodeficiency virus infection
Coding note: 'Other HIV' is the correct code for treated, undetectable HIV — the most common HIV presentation in primary care. Frequently left uncoded or miscoded as 042 (AIDS).
- 250** **Diabetes mellitus** — Diabetes mellitus, including complications
Coding note: Only counts toward acuity when attached to a billing claim. A chart problem list entry with no associated claim code is invisible to the Ministry. Ensure 250 appears on at least one claim per year.
- 248** **Diabetes with ocular complications** — Diabetes: mellitus with ocular complications
Coding note: Coding 248 in addition to 250 when diabetic retinopathy is present adds separate acuity weight. Many physicians use only 250 for all diabetes.
- 428** **Heart failure (CHF / HFpEF / HFrEF)** — Congestive heart failure
Coding note: 'Congestive' in the label implies volume overload — HFpEF often doesn't present this way. Both subtypes use the same code. Physicians may hesitate to use 428 for HFpEF patients who aren't 'congested.'
- 496** **COPD** — Other chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Coding note: 'Other' as the lead word discourages use. Physicians fragment COPD into 491 (chronic bronchitis) or 492 (emphysema) instead of using the correct 496 — each fragment carries less acuity weight than the unified code.
- 585** **Chronic kidney disease (CKD)** — Chronic renal failure, uremia
Coding note: 'Uremia' implies dialysis-level disease. Physicians may reserve 585 for ESRD only, leaving early-moderate CKD (stage 3–4) entirely uncoded despite significant acuity value.
- 571** **Cirrhosis of the liver** — Cirrhosis of the liver (e.g., alcoholic cirrhosis, biliary cirrhosis)
Coding note: NAFLD/NASH progressing to cirrhosis must use 571. NAFLD without cirrhosis has no named code (falls under 573 'other liver diseases'). The transition point is often miscoded or missed.
- 295** **Schizophrenia** — Psychoses: Schizophrenia
Coding note: Requires physician attachment to claims. Mental health visits may be coded under 300 (anxiety/neurosis) or 311 (depression) by habit, leaving schizophrenia invisible to Ministry acuity calculation.
- 296** **Bipolar disorder** — Manic depressive psychosis, involuntional melancholia
Coding note: 'Manic depressive psychosis' is a 1950s label. 'Involuntional melancholia' (late-life depression) also lives here. Physicians may use 311 (depression) for bipolar patients not currently in mania — losing the higher acuity weight.
- 340** **Multiple sclerosis** — Multiple sclerosis
Coding note: Correctly labelled but often managed by neurology — primary care physicians may not re-code MS on their own FHO+ claims, losing the acuity contribution from their panel.

- 332 Parkinson's disease** — Parkinson's disease
Coding note: Same issue as MS — specialist-managed condition often not re-attached to FP claims. Must appear on at least one FP claim per year for acuity capture.
- 436 Stroke / CVA (history)** — Acute cerebrovascular accident, CVA, stroke
Coding note: Post-stroke management visits should continue using 436 (not 437 or a symptoms code). Many physicians stop coding the stroke after the acute phase, losing ongoing acuity credit.
- 304 Opioid / substance use disorder** — Drug dependence, drug addiction
Coding note: 'Drug addiction' is stigmatising language — physicians systematically under-code SUD, leaving one of the highest-acuity primary care populations invisible to the Ministry.
- 345 Epilepsy** — Epilepsy
Coding note: Must be attached to billing claims, not just listed in the chart. Patients managed on anticonvulsants without a current 345 claim lose the acuity contribution.
- Tier 2 — High acuity**
- 401 Hypertension** — Essential, benign hypertension
Coding note: Hypertension alone is moderate acuity, but HTN + diabetes (250) + dyslipidemia (272) creates a high-acuity cluster. Ensure all three are on the same patient's claims.
- 427 Atrial fibrillation** — Paroxysmal tachycardia, atrial or ventricular flutter or fibrillation, cardiac arrest, other arrhythmias
Coding note: 'Paroxysmal tachycardia' leads the label. For chronic AF, physicians may feel 427 doesn't fit and use 429 ('all other heart disease') instead — losing the specific acuity weight.
- 412 Chronic / stable CAD** — Old myocardial infarction, chronic coronary artery disease without symptoms
Coding note: 'Old MI' leads the label. Stable CAD without prior MI is buried. Physicians managing post-stent or chronic angina patients often code visits as 413 (angina) instead, missing the chronic CAD code.
- 410 Acute myocardial infarction** — Ischaemic Heart Disease: Acute myocardial infarction
Coding note: Should be used for the acute event. Subsequent visits should transition to 412 (old MI / chronic CAD). Using 410 indefinitely is clinically inaccurate; using only 412 after an acute MI is correct.
- 311 Major depressive disorder** — Depressive or other non-psychotic disorders, NEC
Coding note: "NEC" and the generic wording conceal the most common mood disorder. Physicians default to 300 (anxiety neurosis) for many depressed patients — 300 carries less acuity weight than 311.
- 314 ADHD (adult)** — Hyperkinetic syndrome of childhood
Coding note: Label says 'of childhood' — physicians frequently won't use this for adults. Adult ADHD managed with stimulants should still be coded 314 on claims; without it, the acuity is invisible.
- 309 PTSD** — Adjustment reaction
Coding note: 'Adjustment reaction' is the archaic label for what is now PTSD. Physicians use 300 or 311 instead — both carry less acuity weight than correctly coded PTSD.
- 435 TIA (history)** — Transient cerebral ischaemia
Coding note: Like stroke, TIA history should appear on ongoing FP claims for acuity capture. Often dropped after the acute workup.
- 714 Rheumatoid arthritis** — Rheumatoid arthritis, Still's disease
Coding note: RA managed by rheumatology may not be re-coded by the FP. Must appear on at least one FP claim per year to count toward FHO+ acuity.
- 555 Crohn's disease** — Regional enteritis, Crohn's disease
Coding note: IBD managed by GI — same issue as RA. FP visits for IBD-related issues should carry 555 or 556, not 564 (IBS/spastic colon).

- 556 Ulcerative colitis** — Ulcerative colitis
Coding note: Often coded as 564 (IBS/irritable colon) or 569 (rectal bleeding) — both carry significantly less acuity weight.
- 437 Vascular dementia** — Chronic arteriosclerotic cerebrovascular disease, hypertensive encephalopathy
Coding note: Vascular dementia is filed under cerebrovascular disease (437), not mental disorders (290). Many physicians use 290 (senile dementia) for all dementia types — inconsistent and misses the cerebrovascular coding.
- 290 Dementia / Alzheimer's** — Senile dementia, presenile dementia
Coding note: Alzheimer's has no dedicated named code. Code 290 is used for the dementia syndrome. 331 ('other cerebral degenerations') is technically more accurate for Alzheimer's — inconsistent use across physicians.
- 571 Liver cirrhosis** — Cirrhosis of the liver
Coding note: See Tier 1 note. Important to distinguish from 573 (other liver diseases / NAFLD without cirrhosis).
- Tier 3 — Moderate acuity**
- 272 Dyslipidemia / high cholesterol** — Disorders of lipid metabolism
Coding note: 'Lipoid metabolism' is archaic biochemistry. 'Dyslipidemia' doesn't appear in the label. Physicians on statin prescriptions often forget to code 272 — but the code's acuity contribution is cumulative with 250, 401.
- 244 Hypothyroidism (acquired)** — Hypothyroidism — acquired (i.e., myxedema)
Coding note: 'Myxedema' implies severe disease. Physicians prescribing levothyroxine for subclinical hypothyroidism may not code 244 because the label seems too extreme for their patient.
- 278 Obesity** — Obesity
Coding note: Obesity has significant acuity value when combined with diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. Often left off claims because it feels like a 'lifestyle' rather than a diagnosis.
- 493 Asthma** — Asthma, allergic bronchitis
Coding note: Should use 493, not 496 (COPD) or 477 (allergic rhinitis). Physicians sometimes use 496 for poorly controlled asthma in smokers — this is a separate code with different acuity implications.
- 305 Tobacco use disorder** — Tobacco abuse
Coding note: Cessation billing codes K030 and K039 require diagnostic code 305 be attached to the same claim. Physicians claiming cessation counselling without 305 have an incomplete claim.
- 300 Anxiety disorder (GAD / panic)** — Anxiety neurosis, hysteria, neurasthenia, obsessive compulsive neurosis, reactive depression
Coding note: Archaic terms — 'neurosis,' 'neurasthenia.' GAD, panic disorder, and OCD all share this code. No differentiation between them, but all carry moderate acuity value.
- 733 Osteoporosis** — Osteoporosis, spontaneous fracture, other disorders of bone and cartilage
Coding note: Osteoporosis and osteoporotic fracture share a code. Cannot distinguish prophylactic management from acute fragility fracture — both use 733.
- 403 Hypertensive renal disease** — Hypertensive renal disease
Coding note: When hypertension has caused CKD, coding 403 in addition to 585 and 401 captures the causal link and adds acuity. Many physicians use only 401 + 585 separately.
- 715 Osteoarthritis** — Osteoarthritis
Coding note: Often managed in parallel by orthopedics. FP claims for OA management should carry 715, not 729 (fibrositis/myositis) or 781 (joint pain symptoms).
- 249 Pre-diabetes** — Pre-diabetes
Coding note: A distinct, billable code — not the same as 250. Pre-diabetes on metformin should be coded 249. Lifestyle counselling claims for pre-diabetes should also carry 249 for acuity tracking.

726 Fibromyalgia — Fibromyalgia

Coding note: Has its own code but frequently coded as 729 (fibrositis/myositis) or 724 (lumbago). Using 726 correctly identifies these patients for acuity and supports chronic disease management billing.

617 Endometriosis — Endometriosis

Coding note: Often managed by gynecology — same issue as RA. FP claims for pain management, hormonal therapy, or referral should carry 617.

Full diagnostic-code lookup

214 commonly used Ontario MOH diagnostic codes, by category. Reference only — confirm against the current MOH Schedule of Benefits.

Blood

- 280** Iron deficiency anaemia
- 281** Pernicious anaemia
- 282** Hereditary hemolytic anaemia
- 285** Other anaemias
- 286** Coagulation defects
- 287** Purpura, thrombocytopenia, other hemorrhagic conditions

Cardiovascular

- 401** Hypertensive Disease: Essential, benign hypertension
- 403** Hypertensive Disease: Hypertensive renal disease
- 410** Ischaemic Heart Disease: Acute myocardial infarction
- 412** Ischaemic Heart Disease: Old myocardial infarction, chronic coronary artery disease
- 413** Ischaemic Heart Disease: Angina pectoris
- 415** Ischaemic Heart Disease: Pulmonary embolism
- 426** Ischaemic Heart Disease: Heart blocks, conduction disorders
- 427** Ischaemic Heart Disease: Atrial fibrillation, arrhythmias
- 428** Ischaemic Heart Disease: Congestive heart failure
- 429** Ischaemic Heart Disease: All other forms of heart disease
- 435** Cerebrovascular Disease: Transient cerebral ischaemia
- 436** Cerebrovascular Disease: Acute cerebrovascular accident, CVA, stroke
- 437** Cerebrovascular Disease: Chronic arteriosclerotic cerebrovascular disease
- 441** Diseases of Arteries: Aortic aneurysm
- 443** Diseases of Arteries: Raynaud's disease, peripheral vascular disease
- 446** Diseases of Arteries: Polyarteritis nodosa, temporal arteritis
- 451** Diseases of Veins: Phlebitis, thrombophlebitis
- 454** Diseases of Veins: Varicose veins
- 455** Diseases of Veins: Haemorrhoids
- 457** Diseases of Veins: Lymphangitis, lymphedema

Digestive

- 530** Diseases of Esophagus: Esophagitis, cardiospasm, stricture
- 531** Diseases of Esophagus: Gastric ulcer
- 532** Diseases of Esophagus: Duodenal ulcer
- 535** Diseases of Esophagus: Gastritis
- 536** Diseases of Esophagus: Hyperchlorhydria, dyspepsia, indigestion
- 540** Other Diseases of Intestine: Acute appendicitis
- 545** Colon Positive Fecal Occult Blood
- 546** Colon Surveillance
- 547** Colon Family history of colon cancer
- 548** Colon Screening
- 555** Other Diseases of Intestine: Regional enteritis, Crohn's disease
- 556** Other Diseases of Intestine: Ulcerative colitis
- 562** Other Diseases of Intestine: Diverticulitis or diverticulosis
- 564** Other Diseases of Intestine: Spastic colon, irritable colon, constipation
- 569** Other Diseases of Intestine: Rectal polyp, rectal bleeding
- 571** Other Diseases of Digestive System: Cirrhosis of the liver
- 573** Other Diseases of Digestive System: Other diseases of the liver
- 574** Other Diseases of Digestive System: Cholelithiasis (gall stones)
- 577** Other Diseases of Digestive System: Diseases of pancreas
- 579** Other Diseases of Digestive System: Malabsorption syndrome, sprue, celiac disease

Endocrine & Metabolic

- 242 Endocrine: Hyperthyroidism, thyrotoxicosis, exophthalmic goitre
- 244 Endocrine: Hypothyroidism — acquired (myxedema)
- 245 Endocrine: Thyroiditis
- 248 Diabetes: mellitus with ocular complications
- 249 Diabetes: Pre-diabetes
- 250 Diabetes: Diabetes mellitus, including complications
- 252 Diabetes: Parathyroid gland disorders
- 255 Diabetes: Adrenal gland disorders
- 256 Diabetes: Ovarian dysfunction
- 269 Nutritional: Vitamin and other nutritional deficiencies
- 272 Nutritional: Disorders of lipid metabolism
- 274 Nutritional: Gout
- 277 Nutritional: Other metabolic disorders
- 278 Nutritional: Obesity

Genitourinary

- 584 Urinary System: Acute renal failure
- 585 Urinary System: Chronic renal failure, uremia
- 592 Urinary System: Stone in kidney or ureter
- 595 Urinary System: Cystitis
- 599 Urinary System: Other disorders of urinary tract
- 600 Male Genital Organs: Benign prostatic hypertrophy
- 614 Female Pelvic Organs: Salpingitis, oophoritis, PID
- 617 Female Genital Tract: Endometriosis
- 622 Female Genital Tract: Cervical erosion, cervical dysplasia
- 625 Female Genital Tract: Dyspareunia, dysmenorrhea, stress incontinence
- 626 Female Genital Tract: Disorders of menstruation
- 627 Female Genital Tract: Menopause

Infections & Parasitic

- 002 Intestinal Infectious Diseases: Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers
- 003 Intestinal Infectious Diseases: Other salmonella infections
- 005 Intestinal Infectious Diseases: Food poisoning
- 006 Intestinal Infectious Diseases: Amoebiasis, amoebic dysentery
- 009 Intestinal Infectious Diseases: Diarrhea, gastro-enteritis, viral gastroenteritis
- 010 Tuberculosis: Primary tuberculous infection, positive TB skin test conversion
- 011 Tuberculosis: Pulmonary tuberculosis
- 033 Other Bacterial Diseases: Whooping cough, pertussis
- 034 Other Bacterial Diseases: Streptococcal sore throat, scarlet fever
- 038 Other Bacterial Diseases: Septicemia, blood poisoning
- 040 Other Bacterial Diseases: Other bacterial diseases
- 042 HIV Infection: AIDS
- 044 HIV Infection: Other human immunodeficiency virus infection
- 052 Viral Diseases: Chickenpox
- 053 Viral Diseases: Herpes zoster, shingles
- 054 Viral Diseases: Herpes simplex, cold sore
- 057 Viral Diseases: Other viral disorders accompanied by rash
- 070 Other Viral Diseases: Viral hepatitis
- 075 Other Viral Diseases: Infectious mononucleosis, glandular fever
- 078 Other Viral Diseases: Warts
- 079 Other Viral Diseases: Other viral diseases
- 080 Coronavirus
- 097 Venereal Diseases: Syphilis — all sites and stages
- 098 Venereal Diseases: Gonococcal infections
- 099 Venereal Diseases: Other venereal diseases
- 112 Mycoses: Candidiasis, monilia infection — all sites, thrush
- 117 Mycoses: Other mycoses
- 127 Helminthiasis: Pinworm infestation
- 132 Other Infections: Head or body lice, pediculosis
- 133 Other Infections: Scabies, acariasis
- 135 Other Infections: Sarcoidosis
- 136 Other Infections: Other infectious or parasitic diseases

Injuries & Adverse

- 821 Fractures: Femur
- 840 Sprains, Strains: Shoulder, upper arm
- 844 Sprains, Strains: Knee, leg
- 845 Sprains, Strains: Ankle, foot, toes
- 847 Sprains, Strains: Neck, low back, coccyx
- 850 Sprains, Strains: Concussion
- 977 Adverse Effects: Of drugs and medications
- 995 Adverse Effects: Anaphylaxis

Mental Health

- 290** Psychoses: Senile dementia, presenile dementia
- 295** Psychoses: Schizophrenia
- 296** Psychoses: Manic depressive psychosis, involutional melancholia
- 299** Psychoses: Childhood psychoses (e.g., autism)
- 300** Neuroses: Anxiety neurosis, hysteria, neurasthenia, obsessive compulsive neurosis, reactive depression
- 301** Neuroses: Personality disorders
- 303** Neuroses: Alcoholism
- 304** Neuroses: Drug dependence, drug addiction
- 305** Neuroses: Tobacco abuse
- 307** Neuroses: Habit spasms, tics, anorexia nervosa, sleep disorders, enuresis
- 309** Neuroses: Adjustment reaction
- 311** Neuroses: Depressive or other non-psychotic disorders, NEC
- 314** Neuroses: Hyperkinetic syndrome of childhood

Musculoskeletal

- 710** MSK: Disseminated lupus, scleroderma, dermatomyositis, polymyositis
- 714** MSK: Rheumatoid arthritis, Still's disease
- 715** MSK: Osteoarthritis
- 718** MSK: Joint derangement, meniscus tear, loose body in joint
- 720** MSK: Ankylosing spondylitis
- 721** MSK: Sero-negative Spondyloarthropathies
- 722** MSK: Intervertebral disc disorders
- 724** MSK: Lumbar strain, lumbago, coccydynia, sciatica
- 725** MSK: Polymyalgia rheumatic
- 726** MSK: Fibromyalgia
- 727** MSK: Synovitis, tenosynovitis, bursitis, bunion, ganglion
- 729** MSK: Fibrositis, myositis, muscular rheumatism
- 733** MSK: Osteoporosis, spontaneous fracture

Neoplasms

- 153** Malignant Neoplasms: Large intestine — excluding rectum
- 154** Malignant Neoplasms: Rectum, rectosigmoid and anus
- 155** Malignant Neoplasms: Primary malignancy of liver
- 157** Malignant Neoplasms: Pancreas
- 162** Malignant Neoplasms: Bronchus, lung
- 172** Malignant Neoplasms: Melanoma of skin
- 173** Malignant Neoplasms: Other skin malignancies
- 174** Malignant Neoplasms: Female breast
- 180** Malignant Neoplasms: Cervix
- 185** Malignant Neoplasms: Prostate
- 191** Malignant Neoplasms: Brain
- 193** Malignant Neoplasms: Thyroid
- 198** Malignant Neoplasms: Metastatic or secondary malignant neoplasm, carcinomatosis
- 200** Malignant Neoplasms: Lymphosarcoma, reticulosarcoma
- 201** Malignant Neoplasms: Hodgkin's disease
- 203** Malignant Neoplasms: Multiple myeloma, plasma cell leukemia
- 204** Malignant Neoplasms: Lymphoid leukemia
- 205** Malignant Neoplasms: Myeloid leukemia
- 216** Benign Neoplasms: Skin
- 217** Benign Neoplasms: Breast
- 218** Benign Neoplasms: Uterine fibroid, leiomyoma
- 220** Benign Neoplasms: Ovary (e.g., ovarian cyst)
- 226** Benign Neoplasms: Thyroid adenoma or cystadenoma
- 233** Carcinoma in Situ: Breast and genito-urinary system
- 239** Neoplasms of Uncertain Behavior: Unspecified neoplasms

Neurology & Sense

- 331** CNS: Other cerebral degenerations
- 332** CNS: Parkinson's disease
- 340** CNS: Multiple sclerosis
- 345** CNS: Epilepsy
- 346** CNS: Migraine
- 349** CNS: Other diseases of central nervous system
- 350** Peripheral NS: Trigeminal neuralgia
- 351** Peripheral NS: Bell's palsy, facial nerve disorders
- 356** Peripheral NS: Idiopathic peripheral neuritis
- 362** Eye: Hypertensive retinopathy and other retinal diseases
- 365** Eye: Glaucoma
- 366** Eye: Cataract
- 367** Eye: Myopia, astigmatism, presbyopia
- 372** Eye: Conjunctiva disorders
- 381** Ear: Serous otitis media, eustachian tube disorders
- 382** Ear: Suppurative otitis media
- 386** Ear: Meniere's disease, labyrinthitis
- 388** Ear: Wax, tinnitus, other ear disorders
- 389** Ear: Deafness

Respiratory

460	Acute nasopharyngitis, common cold
461	Acute sinusitis
463	Acute tonsillitis
466	Acute bronchitis
473	Chronic sinusitis
477	Allergic rhinitis, hay fever
486	Pneumonia — all types
487	Influenza
491	Chronic bronchitis
492	Emphysema
493	Asthma, allergic bronchitis
496	Other chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
511	Pleurisy with or without effusion
515	Pulmonary fibrosis
786	Signs and Symptoms: cough, dyspnea, sleep apnea

Skin

680	Skin Infections: Boil, carbuncle
682	Skin Infections: Cellulitis, abscess
684	Skin Infections: Impetigo
691	Skin: Eczema, atopic dermatitis
692	Skin: Contact dermatitis
696	Skin: Psoriasis
704	Skin: Alopecia
706	Skin: Acne, sebaceous cyst
708	Skin: Allergic urticaria

Supplementary

895	Family Planning: Contraceptive advice, sterilization
896	Immunization — all types
899	Social Problems: Parent-child problems, child abuse
916	Other: Well baby care
917	Other: Annual health examination, Well Vision Care
967	Immunization: Influenza

Symptoms & Signs

780	Signs and Symptoms: Convulsions, ataxia, vertigo, headache
795	Non-specific Abnormal Findings: Chronic fatigue syndrome

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