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Examples of ICD-10-CM Codes Typically Associated with TBI

Acute Injuries

Series Code	Description
S02.0xx	Fractures of vault of skull—requires a seventh character for type of encounter and healing
S02.1	Fractures of base of skull—requires two digits and a seventh character
S06.0	Concussion—requires two digits and a seventh character
S06.1	Traumatic cerebral edema—requires two digits and a seventh character
S06.2	Diffuse traumatic brain injury—requires two digits and a seventh character
S06.30	Focal traumatic brain injury—requires an additional digit and a seventh character
S06.31	Contusion and laceration of right cerebrum—requires an additional digit and a seventh character
S06.32	Contusion and laceration of left cerebrum—requires an additional digit and a seventh character
S06.33	Contusion and laceration of cerebrum, unspecified—requires an additional digit and a seventh character
S09.x	Unspecified intracranial injury (TBI NOS)—requires an additional digit and a seventh character

Late Effect Codes or Sequela

Series Code	Description
S06.2	Diffuse traumatic brain injury—requires two digits and a seventh character of S
S06.30	Focal traumatic brain injury—requires an additional digit and a seventh character of S
S09.x	Unspecified intracranial injury (TBI NOS)—requires an additional digit and a seventh character of S

Symptoms Involving Emotional State

ICD-10 Code	Symptom
R45.0	Nervousness
R45.4	Irritability and anger
R45.87	Impulsiveness
R45.86	Emotional lability
R45.3	Demoralization and apathy
R45.89	Other signs and symptoms involving emotional state



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Symptoms Involving Cognitive Function and Awareness

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ICD-10 Code	Symptom
R41.840	Attention and concentration deficit
R41.841	Cognitive communication deficit
R41.842	Visuospatial deficit
R41.843	Psychomotor deficit
R41.844	Frontal lobe and executive function deficit
R41.89	Other signs and symptoms involving cognitive functions and awareness

Note: Memory deficits will be coded as R41.3.

Physical Effects of TBI

ICD-10 Code	Description
G44.301	Posttraumatic headache, unspecified, intractable
G44.309	Posttraumatic headache, unspecified, not intractable
G44.321	Chronic posttraumatic headache, unspecified, intractable
G44.329	Chronic posttraumatic headache, unspecified, not intractable
R42.	Dizziness
R43.0	Loss of smell (anosmia)
R43.8	Other disturbance of smell and taste
R47.82	Fluency disorder conditions classified elsewhere
R47.81	Slurred speech
R56.1	Posttraumatic seizures