

Peripheral Arterial Disease

Epidemiology:

Per the American Heart Association, “Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) affects over **8.5 million Americans** over the age of 40. In 2014, there were approximately **13,500 deaths** associated with PAD.”

Consider including the term atherosclerosis, if appropriate, as it helps capture more accurate and specific codes.

Example: I70.212 Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities with intermittent claudication, left leg

Documentation Example:

Non-Specific Documentation
Patient has PVD
Specific Documentation
Patient has PVD w/ atherosclerosis of native artery left lower leg with intermittent claudication

NOTE: Any diagnostic test results and/or clinical findings that support PVD along with disease status and treatment plan.

Peripheral artery disease (PAD) is a narrowing of the arteries that serve the legs, stomach, arms and head. The arterial narrowing and blockages that are features of PAD can restrict circulation not only to the limbs, but also to the brain and other organs, causing tissue damage and infection. Left untreated, PAD can lead to gangrene and limb amputation.

Document the following to highest specificity:

- Cause (e.g., atherosclerosis, stenosis)
- Location of vein/artery affected (leg, foot, heel, ankle, calf, thigh)
- Status of the artery (e.g., native, bypass graft, autologous, non-autologous biological)
- Complications such rest pain, intermittent claudication, ulceration (document ulcer site, type, laterality, severity) or gangrene
- Laterality – specify left, right or bilaterally

ICD-10-CM Codes and Descriptions for PAD

ICD-10-CM Code	ICD-10-CM Description
I73.9	Peripheral Vascular Disease, unspecified
Diabetic Peripheral Angiopathy	
E11.5-	Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus w. diabetic peripheral angiopathy. Add 5 th character to signify without gangrene (1) or with gangrene (2)
Atherosclerosis of native arteries of the extremities	
I70.20-	Unspecified Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities. Add 6 th character for (1) right leg, (2) left leg, (3) bilateral legs, (8) other extremity, (9) unspecified extremity.
I70.21-	Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities with <u>intermittent claudication</u>
I70.22-	Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities with <u>rest pain</u> . Include any intermittent claudication.
I70.23-	Atherosclerosis of native arteries of right leg with <u>ulceration</u> . Add 6 th character for (1) thigh, (2) calf, (3) ankle, (4) heel and mid-foot, (5) other part of foot, (8) other part of lower leg, (9) unspecified site
I70.24-	Atherosclerosis of native arteries of left leg with <u>ulceration</u>
I70.25-	Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities with <u>ulceration</u> . Use additional code to identify severity of ulcer (198.49-)
I70.26-	Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities with <u>gangrene</u>
I70.29-	Other Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities