

OTHER DISORDERS OF EXTERNAL EAR

The following are important documentation tips and strategies for this disease/condition as required by the specificity needed in ICD-10:

- State the laterality (i.e., right, left, or bilateral).
- Detail infective otitis externa as being malignant, diffuse, hemorrhagic, swimmer's ear, an abscess, or cellulitis.
- Confirm the acuity (i.e., acute or chronic) and type of non-infective otitis externa such as actinic, chemical, contact, eczematoid, or reactive.
- Specify the acuity (i.e., acute or chronic) of perichondritis.
- Identify when non-infective disorders of the pinna are an acquired deformity or a hematoma.
- Indicate when an acquired stenosis of the external ear canal is due to inflammation, infection, or trauma.
- Ascertain any underlying conditions (e.g., erysipelas, impetigo, gout, etc.).