

OTITIS EXTERNAL

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

- Specify the acuity (i.e., acute or chronic).
- Differentiate between infective and noninfective.
 - *Detail infective as being diffuse, hemorrhagic, or swimmer's ear.*
 - *List noninfective as being actinic, chemical, contact, eczematoid, or reactive.*
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- Provide information regarding any underlying disease (e.g., candidiasis, impetigo, gout, etc.).
- Indicate any associated perforated tympanic membrane.
- State any related tobacco use, abuse, dependence, past history, or smoke exposure (e.g., second hand, occupational, etc.).
- Identify laterality (i.e., right, left, or bilateral).