Carotid Artery Disease

It is important to accurately document and code carotid artery disease.

Documentation

▶ The disease process is appropriate to document and code, even following surgical intervention.

▶ The physical exam must match documentation of disease process.

Coding Tips

▶ The correct code assignment for carotid artery disease that is **not specified** as due to occlusion or stenosis is **I77.9, Disorder of arteries and arterioles, unspecified,** since the classification does not provide a more specific code.

▶ Use one of the following codes for carotid artery disease that is **specified** as due to occlusion and stenosis:

Carotid Artery Disease Codes (Due to Occlusion and Stenosis)	
Description	Code
Occlusion and stenosis of right carotid artery	I65.21
Occlusion and stenosis of left carotid artery	I65.22
Occlusion and stenosis of bilateral carotid arteries	I65.23
Occlusion and stenosis of unspecified carotid artery	I65.29

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