



CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AND ASTHMA

Code	Bronchitis Code Description
J42	Unspecified chronic bronchitis

Code	Emphysema Code Description
J43.0	Unilateral pulmonary emphysema
J43.1	Panlobular emphysema
J43.2	Centrilobular emphysema
J43.8	Other emphysema
J43.9	Emphysema, unspecified

Code	COPD Code Description
J44.0	COPD w/ acute lower respiratory infection **code also to identify infection
J44.1	COPD w/ (acute) exacerbation
J44.9	COPD, unspecified

Code	Asthma Description
J45.20	Mild intermittent asthma, uncomplicated
J45.21	Mild intermittent asthma w/ exacerbation
J45.22	Mild intermittent asthma w/ status asthmaticus
J45.30	Mild persistent asthma, uncomplicated
J45.31	Mild persistent asthma w/ exacerbation
J45.32	Mild persistent asthma w/ status asthmaticus
J45.40	Moderate persistent asthma, uncomplicated
J45.41	Moderate persistent asthma w/ exacerbation
J45.42	Moderate persistent asthma w/ status asthmaticus
J45.50	Severe persistent asthma, uncomplicated
J45.51	Severe persistent asthma w/ exacerbation
J45.52	Severe persistent asthma w/ status asthmaticus
J45.901	Unspecified asthma w/ exacerbation
J45.902	Unspecified asthma w/ status asthmaticus
J45.909	Unspecified asthma, uncomplicated

J44- is the category for Other Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. There is an instructional note to code also the type of asthma and history/use/dependence/exposure to tobacco products.

The J44- category specifically excludes (Excludes 1) Bronchiectasis, Chronic Bronchitis, and Emphysema without Chronic Bronchitis, meaning these conditions should not be coded with a code from J44-. See the chart on the following page for appropriate coding of disease clusters.

EXAMPLE SCENARIOS: CONDITIONS DOCUMENTED TOGETHER AND THE APPROPRIATE CODES

COPD and unspecified asthma	
J44.9	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, unspecified
COPD and mild persistent asthma	
J44.9	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, unspecified
J45.30	Mild persistent asthma, unspecified
COPD and asthma exacerbation	
J44.9	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, unspecified
J45.901	Unspecified asthma with (acute) exacerbation
COPD and emphysema	
J43.9	Emphysema, unspecified
COPD, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis	
J43.9	Emphysema, unspecified
J42	Unspecified chronic bronchitis
COPD and acute bronchitis	
J44.0	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease w/ acute lower respiratory infection **code also to identify infection