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ACS 2119 Socioeconomic and psychosocial circumstances

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ACS 2119 *Socioeconomic and psychosocial circumstances* is a new standard for 12th Edition.

Synonyms for socioeconomic and psychosocial circumstances include:

- Social factors
- Social determinants of health

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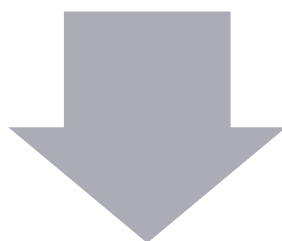
Assign codes classified to:

Z55–Z65 *Persons with potential health hazards related to socioeconomic and psychosocial circumstances*

Z74 *Problems related to care-provider dependency*

Z76 *Persons encountering health services in other circumstances*

where social factors are documented by a clinician in an episode.



During the ITG process IHPA clarified that socioeconomic and psychosocial circumstances are relevant to the current episode when documented by a clinician.

They do **not** need to meet ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses* criteria for code assignment.

- It's not mandatory to assign codes for social factors unless they meet ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses* criteria for code assignment; or guidelines in another ACS
- Where it's unclear whether a code from Z55-Z65, Z74 or Z76 should be assigned, do not assign the code.

Example 1 – can assign a social factor code

Patient admitted for resection of colon cancer and formation of stoma. Medical consultant documentation in the progress notes states: “Social history: illiterate – patient consent/stoma education with next of kin present.”

Codes assigned in 12th Edition

Assign

Principal diagnosis: Codes for colon cancer

Additional diagnosis: Z55.0 *Illiteracy and low-level literacy*

Rationale

As per ACS 2119, Z55.0 can be assigned as an additional diagnosis because ‘illiterate’ has been documented by a clinician (medical consultant) in the current episode (ICD-10-AM Index pathway: ‘**Illiteracy** → Z55.0’). It’s not mandatory to assign Z55.0 for this episode because Z55.0 does not meet ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses* criteria for code assignment.

Example 2 – can assign a social factor code

Patient admitted for treatment of intentional overdose of oxycodone. The AOD (Alcohol and Other Drug) Team assess the patient and the AOD Clinical Nurse Consultant documents: “No evidence of substance use disorder, spontaneous overdose. Social Hx: significant financial pressures at home” in the progress notes.

Codes assigned in 12th Edition

Assign

Principal diagnosis: T40.2 *Poisoning by Other opioids*

Additional diagnoses:

External cause, Place of occurrence and Activity codes (X62, Y92.9, U73.8)
Z59.9 *Problem related to housing and economic circumstances, unspecified*

Rationale

As per ACS 2119, Z59.9 can be assigned as an additional diagnosis because “financial pressures” has been documented by a clinician (clinical nurse consultant) in the current episode (ICD-10-AM Index pathway: ‘**Problem**, -finance → Z59.9’). It’s not mandatory to assign Z59.9 for this episode because Z59.9 does not meet ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses* criteria for code assignment.

Example 3 – can assign a social factor code

Patient admitted for treatment of ‘acute exacerbation COPD.’ During the episode a social worker reviews the patient and documents “patient due in court today, they’ll follow up with their legal team” in the progress notes.

Codes assigned in 12th Edition

Assign

Principal diagnosis:

J44.1 *Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute exacerbation, unspecified*

Additional diagnosis:

Z65.3 *Problems related to other legal circumstances*

Rationale

As per ACS 2119, Z65.3 can be assigned as an additional diagnosis because “legal/court” issues have been documented by a clinician (social worker) in the current episode (ICD-10-AM Index pathway: ‘**Problem**, -legal → Z65.3’). It’s not mandatory to assign Z65.3 for this episode because Z65.3 does not meet ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses* criteria for code assignment.

Example 4 – must assign a social factor code

Patient admitted for treatment of acute stress reaction. Following assessment, the medical consultant documents: 'Acute stress reaction on background of chronic life stressors – ongoing marriage problems+'. Plan: for inpatient counselling/psychology re. relationship difficulties' in the progress notes.

Codes assigned in 12th Edition

Assign

Principal diagnosis:

Acute stress reaction

Additional diagnosis:

Z63.0 *Problems in relationship with spouse or partner*

Rationale

As per ACS 2119, Z63.0 must be assigned as an additional diagnosis because:

- the 'marriage problems/relationship difficulties' meet ACS 0002 *Additional diagnosis* criteria for code assignment (they received increased clinical care); and
- they were documented by a clinician (medical consultant) in the current episode.

It's mandatory to assign Z63.0 for this episode because it meets ACS 0002 Additional diagnosis criteria for code assignment (ICD-10-AM Index pathway: '**Problem**, -marital → Z63.0').

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