

# Cellulitis ICD-10-CM Coding

## MEDESUN MEDICAL CODING ACADEMY

**Cellulitis** is a common, non-contagious bacterial skin infection, usually caused by the streptococcus and staphylococcus

<b>Cellulitis with acute lymphangitis</b>	First code cellulitis, then infection (B95-B97)
<b>Cellulitis with abscess</b>	First code cellulitis, then infection (B95-B97)
<b>Cellulitis with open wound</b>	First code open wound, then cellulitis, then infection (B95-B97)
<b>Cellulitis with superficial injury</b>	First code injury, then cellulitis. Note: Circumstances of admission will determine the sequencing
<b>Cellulitis with burb</b>	Code both, Note: Circumstances of admission will determine the sequencing
<b>Cellulitis with frostbite</b>	Code both. Note: Circumstances of admission will determine the sequencing
<b>Cellulitis with gangrene</b>	List code for gangrene (I96)
<b>Cellulitis and diabetes</b>	Query provider for any link between 2 conditions

Example: Diabetes Type II and Cellulitis of Lower Left Leg

- If the provider does make the link that cellulitis is due to diabetes:

Code: E11.628 type 2 diabetes mellitus with other skin complications; L03.116 cellulitis of left lower limb

- If the provider does not make the link that cellulitis is due to diabetes:

Code: E11.9 type 2 diabetes mellitus; L03.116 cellulitis of left lower limb

### **NOTE:**

**Cellulitis** and **acute lymphangitis** are reported with the same subcategory of codes in ICD-10-CM.

**Lymphangitis** is an infection of the lymph vessels

**Dermatitis** is inflammation of the skin

**Eczema** refers to various skin inflammations