

# PATHOLOGICAL FRACTURES - 7TH CHARACTER

## ICD-10-CM CODE M80



**The 7th character is used to indicate the episode of care**

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### INITIAL VISIT

Patient receiving **ACTIVE** Treatment  
May include more than one visit

Initial doses not mean as first.

Examples: surgical treatment,  
emergency department encounter,



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### SUBSEQUENT VISIT

Patient seen for **ROUTINE** Care  
Active treatment completed-During  
healing/recovery phase.



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### DELAYED UNION

Subsequent encounter for  
closed fracture with **delayed**  
healing

Delayed union due to  
swelling, infection etc

### NON-UNION

Subsequent encounter for closed  
fracture with **non-union**

There remains a gap between the  
bony structures at the fracture  
site

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### MALUNION

Subsequent encounter for closed  
fracture with **malunion**

In mal-union, the bony healing is  
occurring but the fracture fragments  
are in a poor position-results in  
deformity.

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### SEQUELA

Active treatment completed, patient  
seen for **complications** or conditions  
due to related injury. Not driven by  
time.

Abnormal gait due to injury

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