

# DID YOU KNOW?

There is no ICD-10 code for severe recalcitrant nodular acne

## ICD-10 CODES IN ACNE<sup>1</sup>

L70.0 Acne vulgaris

**L70.1 Acne conglobata**

L70.2 Acne varioliformis

L70.3 Acne tropica

L70.4 Infantile acne

L70.5 Acne excoriee

**L70.8 Other acne**

L70.9 Acne, unspecified

### REIMBURSEMENT CAN BE COMPLICATED

Use the appropriate ICD-10 code for your isotretinoin patients

#### L70.1

##### Acne conglobata

A severe type of acne characterized by deep, burrowing, interconnected abscesses and nodules that result in scarring and disfigurement.<sup>2</sup>



**VERY SEVERE**

#### L70.8

##### Other acne

**TIP:** Describe the severity of the patient's acne if using this code



**SEVERE/ISOTRETINOIN WORTHY**

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# WHY ARE ICD-10 CODES IMPORTANT for your isotretinoin patients?

**Submitting a Prior Authorization (PA) with the appropriate ICD-10 code(s) improves claims efficiency and facilitates communication between physicians and insurance.**<sup>3,4</sup>

*TIP: Be sure to describe the severity of your patient's acne in the description field*



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