The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey:
Symptom Classification

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THE NATIONAL AMBULATORY MEDICAL CARE SURVEY:

SYMPTOM CLASSIFICATION

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INTRODUCTION

This report is the first attempt of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) to develop a methodology for classifying patients' symptoms, complaints, problems, and reasons for seeking ambulatory medical care. The coding scheme presented here was generated solely for use in the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS), but it may have wider application. A brief description of NAMCS and the reasons for collecting symptom information are given first. The problems encountered, the rationale used, the methods employed in developing the scheme, and a detailed description of the classification follow. The tabular list is presented as appendix I, and an alphabetical index of terms is presented as appendix II. The proposed use of the coding system and its subsequent evaluation are also discussed.

The terms "complaints," "symptoms," "problems," and "reasons for visit" are used collectively throughout this report.

THE NATIONAL AMBULATORY MEDICAL CARE SURVEY

Researchers and medical practitioners have long sought reliable national data on ambulatory medical care. As a result of the inauguration of the NAMCS in April 1973, such data will soon be forthcoming. The NAMCS is a continuous survey of ambulatory patient visits to primary care physicians that is being conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics as part of its continuing program to provide information on the health status of the American people. The objective of the survey is to provide statistically valid data on the public's use of ambulatory medical care services in physicians' offices.

Developmental work on the NAMCS has been under way for several years. During this time, a feasibility study and two national pilot studies have been conducted to develop and test survey forms and procedures. The resulting survey has thus been refined to request only information considered essential to describe the use of ambulatory care services and to require minimal time and effort from the participating physicians. A complete description of the NAMCS is documented in a previous report.¹

In its initial stages, the NAMCS will limit its coverage of ambulatory care to personal health services provided by office-based physicians to noninstitutionalized persons. The need for data on this segment of ambulatory medical care becomes apparent when one considers the magnitude of the ambulatory care system and the dearth of information about the system. Available statistics show that during 1972 the estimated number of physician visits was over 1 billion, an average of five visits per person per year.² This indicates that ambulatory care is the largest component of the Nation's health care delivery system. Even though ambulatory care is obviously an important aspect of health services in terms of volume, there has been little system-
antically gathered information to measure or describe it quantitatively. Nearly all available data on ambulatory care are products of special-purpose studies dealing with small segments of the ambulatory care system, or research studies in which scientific sampling procedures are of little concern, and the data are of unknown reliability and validity.

Data from the NAMCS will describe the volume of ambulatory care visits, the demographic characteristics of the patients, the nature and prevalence of their medical problems, and the nature of the treatments and services they receive. There will be significant applications of the distribution of health services and health manpower, modifying medical curricula, and providing increased knowledge about the natural history and epidemiology of disease. In addition, the results will provide national measures of treated morbidity in physicians' offices to complement similar measures already available from hospitals and nursing homes.

**COLLECTION OF SYMPTOM DATA**

The basic data collection instrument of the NAMCS is the Patient Record Form (figure 1). Excluding those items allowing personal identification, this form contains all but two of the items (marital status and source of payment) proposed for inclusion in physicians' records as the minimum basic data set for ambulatory care.

![Figure 1. Patient Record form: National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, 1973.](image-url)
by the Conference on Ambulatory Medical Care Records held in Chicago in 1972.\(^3\)

In addition to the standard medical question asking for the physician's diagnosis (item 9), item 5 requests the physician to record the “Patient's principal problem(s), complaint(s), or symptom(s) this visit (in patient's own words).” Information derived from this question adds another dimension to the analysis of ambulatory medical care—how the patient views his problem. The importance of symptom data as a valid measurement in planning primary medical care was advocated in 1967 by White\(^4\) in his statement:

> Medical care services have to be planned on the basis of the prevalence of symptoms and complaints, not discharge diagnoses or deaths. Symptoms and complaints are the input to the health services system; discharge diagnoses or deaths, the output.

It is generally known that patients seldom specify a disease entity when they seek medical care. How often do patients use such terms as gastroenteritis, duodenal ulcer, bronchopneumonia, or psychoneurosis to express their need for ambulatory medical care? They will more readily use such words as vomiting, pain, cough, and nervousness to describe their illness. The immediate need is not the formation of an acceptable standard diagnosis, but the resolution of a present symptom or complaint. A diagnosis is merely an intermediate step in the process of resolving the patient's complaint and is of little interest and of no intrinsic utility to the patient.\(^5\)

As observed by Renner,\(^6\) most patients enter and leave the ambulatory health facility with a symptom, sign, abnormal physical finding, or other problem. So to the great majority of such patients, the final “diagnosis” is in fact a “symptom.” Two separate studies support this observation in their finding that nearly 25 percent of the ambulatory care visits never result in a final definitive diagnosis.\(^7,8\) Therefore, it should be concluded that not only are symptom data required to describe primary care accurately, but that the researcher who labels each episode of illness only with a diagnosis is not viewing the total ambulatory picture realistically.

Once the importance of the patient's motivation to visit the physician's office is established, the question arises: Should the information derived from the visit be expressed in the patient's own words or should it be translated by the health professional? McFarlane and Norman\(^8\) examined this dilemma by considering the two methods of describing a symptom or complaint—the use of lay terms by the patient on the one hand and the use of professional terminology on the other. For purposes of monitoring illness, McFarlane and Norman advocate the latter. They argue that it reduces the many irrelevancies that occur when lay terms are employed.

However, based on data gathered in the outpatient clinic of the Toronto General Hospital, Bain and Spaulding\(^9\) advocated the use of lay terms. In their study of diagnostic probability based on symptom frequencies, they recognized that most symptoms are subjective and are often expressed by the patient when under stress. Yet how else can it be determined what motivates patients to visit physicians? Murnaghan\(^3\) sums up the situation by pointing out that the motivation to visit a physician's office can best be described by the patients themselves, not by the physician.

There is little doubt that different patients not only perceive similar complaints and symptoms in different ways, but also express them verbally using multifarious terms. Can one expect the average person to describe in standardized medical terms—which allows the physician instant insight into the problem—the physical, mental, or social phenomenon that motivates his seeking medical aid? Certainly not. Therefore, if one agrees that data should be collected on the need for primary care from the patient's point of view, then one must be ready to accept the entire array of complaint vernacular as valid and develop some logical system for its classification.

For years, nosologists and researchers have advocated the need for uniform standard medical terminology. The NCHS has been in the forefront in developing coding procedures for morbidity and mortality based on classifying standard acceptable medical diagnoses. The requirement to develop a logical statistical coding system for the classification of idiosyncratically perceived and communicated symptoms and vague complaint expressions becomes a nosologist's nightmare. The authors are fully aware of
the inherent imperfections and deficiencies that exist in a scheme to classify imperfect and deficient terminology.

**REVIEW OF SYMPTOM CLASSIFICATIONS**

During the initial search for a realistic symptom classification, consideration was given to the International Classification of Diseases, Adapted (ICDA),\(^{10}\) with the idea of possibly expanding the sections dealing with symptoms. The ICDA symptom section (780-796) is clearly a catchall for undiagnosed conditions. It is not a complete symptom list and was never intended to serve as an independent symptom classification. Therefore, it was decided that the ICDA would be applicable for coding the physicians' diagnoses recorded in item 9 of the Patient Record Form, but that another classification would be employed for coding the symptoms and complaints presented in item 5.

Further investigation revealed a paucity of contributions toward symptom classification. The symptom coding systems that are available had to be viewed in the light of their original application. Bain and Spaulding\(^9\) in 1966 developed a very effective coding system from the study of the adult population in the outpatient department of the Toronto General Hospital. Their simple and concise classification has been adapted for use by others and has served as a guide in our deliberations. Morrell, Gage, and Robinson's\(^{11}\) classification system was developed after recording presenting symptoms in general practice over a 1-year period. It is noteworthy that their scheme provides for coding administrative requests in which there was no symptom or complaint present. The results of their study yielded documented frequency data of symptoms encountered in an ambulatory medical care setting.

Hurtado and Greenlick\(^12\) at the Kaiser Foundation Hospitals in Portland, Oregon, developed an extensive symptom classification for their medical care utilization study. Renner's\(^{16}\) symptom classification, which he devised for the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Wisconsin, proved instrumental to our efforts. This list, which corresponds somewhat to the Kaiser Foundation list, provided a rational framework from which to begin. An additional source of data was given by the Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities in their second edition of *Hospital Adaptation of ICDA*.\(^{13}\) This edition contains added categories consisting of signs, symptoms, abnormal laboratory findings, factors relating to medical history, and the socioeconomic factors affecting health.

All these classifications were reviewed in detail. Considerable knowledge and an appreciation of the varied but logical approaches to unique problems were gained. The adoption of any one system in its entirety for a statistical classification was prohibited by one or more of the following factors: (1) the system was limited to symptoms observed in a selected population, such as all adults seen in an internal medicine practice; (2) the system was too extensive to be useful as a statistical classification in that the scheme lent itself to indexing and retrieval rather than to statistical grouping; and (3) the system did not classify the vague problems expressed by patients, but rather coded medical terminology physicians use in describing patients' symptoms. The latter reason proved to be the most challenging problem in developing the NAMCS classification. Unlike coding schemes needed for the evaluation of care processes and decisionmaking for resource allocation, the NAMCS classification was generated primarily for its application in this survey.

**RATIONALE**

The primary determinant in the development of this classification is its function as a processing instrument for the NAMCS. Except for the limited experience gained from the pilot studies, there was no previous experience to call upon in developing a method which would "custom fit" this survey situation. Therefore, three major symptom classification criteria were established: The classification must be simple, flexible, and functional. The following discussion of these objectives will help to explain the structure of the scheme and justify many of the individual inclusions.

1. **Simplicity**—The decisions regarding the number and character of the individual rubrics were influenced by the requirement that the resulting classification be not only simple and easy to use, but relatively short. The NAMCS classi-
fication contains 197 rubrics. It is expected that these rubrics will be broad enough to encompass all symptoms, and yet exclusive enough to facilitate the medical coders' decisions as to proper code assignment. Also, as part of the classification system, an alphabetical index of symptom and complaint terms was developed (appendix II). The importance and use of the index are discussed in a later section.

2. Flexibility—Plans call for future revisions of this initial scheme. The relatively simple construction and use of a four-digit numeric system will allow this expansion. The numeric assignments found in this scheme permit the needed flexibility within classes, and the adaptability of a more detailed subdivision of many separate categories. An example of the expansion possibilities may be seen in Class IV, "Cardiovascular and Lymphatic Systems." Code 201.0, Heart murmur, is followed by code 205.0, Abnormally high blood pressure, leaving the numeric assignments 202.0, 203.0, and 204.0 for future expansion. This same technique was employed throughout each class to insure flexibility of the system. One will note that each symptom code has four digits, the fourth digit being "0." This is not only to assist coders in coding consistently with the four-digit coding of item 9 (see Patient Record Form, figure 1), but also to permit future expansion of individual categories. Depending on the frequency or interest, code 056.0, Headache, may later be subdivided into 056.1, Headache, tension; 056.2, Headache, migraine; and 056.3, Headache, nonspecific. In this manner, the fourth digit "0" could be used as a summary code. Flexibility is necessary in any classification when grouping of data may be required for presentation. In developing this system, not only do the classes represent major groupings but within certain classes, rubrics can be combined to form logical groups. For example, codes 500.0 through 503.0 may be combined to form Symptoms referable to upper digestive system, and 651.0 through 653.0 could be grouped together as Symptoms and complaints regarding menstruation.

3. Functional—The development of a scheme that would realistically fit the NAMCS required that the scheme serve as a statistical classification. This requirement prevented the accommodation of all possible entries with individual codes, which would have been an impossible task. There can be scant argument for assigning individual codes to such terms as "tired," "pooped," "rundown," and "exhausted" unless one can distinguish between the relative degree of each term. It is also for this reason that no attempt was made to force coding of slang, vague, or lay expressions of illness into acceptable or standard terminology. In this light, the grouping within this classification is a purposeful effort to accept the varied ways in which patients might express their symptoms.

Description of the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey Symptom Classification

The NAMCS symptom classification consists of two major divisions—the tabular list of inclusive terms and the alphabetical index of terms. The tabular list consists of 13 classes that are further divided into individual categories or rubrics. The inclusions are the symptomatic terms contained within the rubrics. The inclusive terms are not meant to be a complete listing for each category, but they are used rather to give a general idea of the symptoms contained within each category.

The primary axis of the classification structure was selected to conform to that of the ICD, i.e., by principal anatomical site. However, observing that a relatively large number of symptoms could not be classified rationally to any one anatomical site, some deviations from the primary axis proved necessary. Basically, the classification is divided into the following 13 classes:

I. General (Nonspecific) 000.0-049.0
II. Nervous 050.0-099.0
III. Skin, Nails, and Hair 100.0-199.0
IV. Cardiovascular and Lymphatic Systems 200.0-299.0
V. Respiratory 300.0-399.0
VI. Musculoskeletal 400.0-499.0
VII. Digestive 500.0-599.0
VIII. Urinary 600.0-629.0
IX. Male Reproductive 630.0-649.0
X. Female Reproductive 650.0-699.0
XI. Eyes and Ears 700.0-799.0
XII. Mental Health 800.0-899.0
XIII. Nonsymptomatic 900.0-999.0
Class I, General Symptoms, contains complaints of a vague, nonspecific nature (e.g., code 013.0, Aches all over) and terms for which no specific body site can be identified (e.g., code 002.0, Fever). Each of the next 11 classes, which refer to selected systems or specified body sites, follows similar procedures for generating rubrics. Several previous studies provided a partial foundation and listing of the more common symptoms. In addition, the NAMCS pilot study symptom data were compiled and reviewed in the light of frequency and estimated importance of individual terms. Once it was determined that a term merited inclusion as a separate category, synonymous terms and phrases that might be used to express the same symptom were compiled. Consider, for example, the symptom, "nasal congestion." How might a patient express this problem? It could be "post-nasal drip," "drippy nose," "runny nose," "sniffles," "stuffy nose," "stopped up nose," or a number of related phrases. All these expressions would be coded to the same rubric—301.0 Nasal Congestion.

Besides grouping synonymous expressions under the same category, several other decision processes were used in selecting the rubrics. First, in some categories all symptoms relating to a selected region or site were grouped together—e.g., code 505.0, Symptoms referable to lips, which includes "abnormal color," "bleeding," "cracked," "dry," "pain," and "swelling." This grouping technique was applied to many of the body sites for which no specific symptom could be isolated as having any statistical value either in terms of frequency or interest.

Another method of selecting categories was to group together under a single rubric symptoms that are varying degrees of a similar complaint. For example, "pressure in/on chest," "chest tightness," and "discomfort in chest" may be considered various levels of severity of chest pain. All these terms are included under the same code—322.0, Pain in chest.

The last technique in selecting rubrics was to identify different expressions with an underlying element of similarity. For example, grouped under rubric 062.0, Disturbances of sleep, are "sleepwalking," "sleepiness," "drowsiness," "insomnia," "hypersomnia," "nightmares," and "time-zone syndrome." Although these terms express different problems, they may all be classified as disturbances of sleep.

For all classes, and in some instances for specific body systems, residual or catchall categories are provided. These categories usually follow one or more detailed symptomatic codes and serve to accommodate entries that are unclassifiable elsewhere in the scheme. Residual categories will be used as a last resort only, and their frequency will become a partial measure of the utility of the classification. A high frequency may point to the need for more specificity or possibly to poor response to item 5—i.e., the entries in item 5 may not be in the patient's own words.

Class XIII represents an interesting variation from the anatomical axis presented in the other 12 classes. A large percentage of patients arrive at the physician's office with no stated complaint, but they do have a reason for the visit. In an effort to adequately accommodate all major reasons why patients say they seek medical care, these reasons as expressed in the patients' own words were provided for in the scheme. Examples of the reasons are such blunt, yet truthful, statements as "the doctor told me to come in," or "I want to talk to the doctor" or may be the need for an annual checkup, prenatal visit, or family-planning counseling. Within this context, categories relating to followup care or progress visits are acceptable. And as Morrell stated:

Only a proportion of consultations in general practice are provoked by a new illness experience. Many are undertaken for the followup of established disease. In developing a system of symptom recording it is essential to separate these two types of consultation. The NAMCS has addressed this particular area not only in its symptom classification but also in items 7 and 8 which attempt to determine which visits can be considered followup visits (see figure 1).

In determining the symptom categories, no attempt was made to classify inappropriate answers in response to item 5. It may be anticipated that the physician, in answering this item, will not record the problem in the patient's own words, but will translate lay expressions into complex medical terms. If such terms do not represent a problem, symptom, or reason
for visit, the response will be coded to a residual catchall code. Bronchitis, diabetes, arthritis, and hemorrhoids are but a few of the diagnoses that a patient can reasonably name as his complaint. Such responses will be coded to the residual categories of the specified body site according to the stated diagnosis. In this manner, bronchitis would be coded to 330.0, diabetes to 990.0, arthritis to 430.0, and hemorrhoids to 560.0. Though this procedure may appear contradictory to the original purpose of the classification—to accommodate the majority of entries—it may be justified by the presumption that if these patients actually have the stated illnesses, their true reason for the visit would be for some manifestation of their conditions or for follow-up care. Because item 9 of the Patient Record Form requires the physician’s diagnostic interpretation of the symptoms presented in item 5a, the actual presence of such conditions would be recorded and there would be no loss of vital data.

The second part of the classification is the alphabetical index of terms that constitutes an expanded list of symptoms and reasons for visits with the appropriate code number. The coding procedures provide for the addition of new terms to the index as they are encountered. This particular aspect, along with the plans for revision of the tabular list, emphasizes the dynamics and research potential of the scheme within the first year of use.

CODING PROCESS AND EVALUATION

During the first year of the survey, the services of the American Medical Record Association were secured for the coding of the medical data presented in items 5 and 9. The symptom and complaint coding process will consist of three related functions: (1) assignment of appropriate codes; (2) verification; and (3) evaluation of the coding instrument.

Initially, these experienced medical coders will be introduced to the NAMCS to get an understanding of the uniqueness of the data. Procedure manuals and teaching techniques will be developed. Instructions in the use of the classification will emphasize consistency and accuracy.

The alphabetical symptom coding index will simplify the job of locating the correct code for the recorded expression. As stated before, the classification scheme itself does not contain all the numerous terms, jargon, and slang expressions that are found in this index. Inclusive terms listed under the rubrics are examples of other symptoms that could fall under the same codes; these terms do not represent an exclusive group. The symptoms and complaints listed in the alphabetical index are also cross-indexed when appropriate. Therefore, “pain in neck” can be located under “pain, neck” and also “neck, pain.”

In determining the appropriate code, the alphabetical index will always be referred to first. If a specific term is not indexed, synonymous expressions will be considered. If no applicable term can be located, the coding supervisor will be consulted. He will then decide whether to code the entry to a selected rubric, to a catchall category, or to code 990.0, Problems, complaints, symptoms, or reasons for visit, NEC. Coders will be required to maintain a frequency listing of all terms codable to the catchall categories. As new terms are introduced, they will be added to the index with their proper code assignments. In this way, coders will develop a thesaurus of symptoms, complaints, and reasons for seeking primary care as expressed by patients. For consistency in the coding process, all coders will receive up-to-date lists of new terms and expressions. All coding problems encountered will be evaluated and documented as to their source and solution. During the first year, however, no new rubrics will be created. A two-way independent verification of the coding process is planned with a tolerated overall coding error rate of 5 percent.

Yearly frequency tabulations of each rubric will receive in-depth analysis. Results of both this study and the coding supervisor’s documented appraisal will provide guidelines for revisions of the NAMCS classification.

SUMMARY

There has been an increasing demand from researchers and medical personnel for reliable national data on the largest segment of ambulatory medical care, that portion provided in the physician’s office. The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS), conducted by
the National Center for Health Statistics, has undertaken to answer this data need.

The NAMCS describes utilization of ambulatory services in terms of the volume of ambulatory care visits, the demographic characteristics of the patients, the nature and prevalence of their medical problems, and the nature of the treatment and services they receive. Of particular interest is the NAMCS collection of patients' reasons for the ambulatory visit as expressed by the patients themselves. The decision to use this item as verbalized by the patient resulted in the need to develop a logical system for classifying such complaint vernacular.

Presented here is the resulting classification specifically designed to code patients' expressions of their symptoms, complaints, and problems as collected by the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey of the National Center for Health Statistics. Based on the experience of others, this classification was developed to serve in the processing and presentation of statistical data. The NAMCS symptom coding scheme consists of 197 rubrics grouped into 13 classes around an anatomical axis. Following the first year of experience, the coding scheme will be evaluated for its utility and modified as required.

REFERENCES


15. Unpublished pilot study data.
## APPENDIX I

### TABULAR LIST

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General Symptoms (000.0-049.0)

001.0 Chills
002.0 Fever
   Includes:
   Fever
   High temperature

004.0 Fatigue
   Includes:
   Exhausted
   General weakness
   Pooped
   Rundown
   Tired
   Worn out

005.0 General ill-feeling
   Includes:
   Not feeling well

007.0 Fluid imbalance
   Includes:
   Dehydration
   Excessive sweating
   Excessive thirst
   Retention of fluid

009.0 Lack of physiological development
   Includes:
   Lack of growth

010.0 Weight gain
   Includes:
   Obesity

011.0 Weight loss
   Includes:
   Recent weight loss
   Underweight

013.0 Pain, generalized, site unspecified
   Includes:
   Ache
   Aches all over
   Cramp
   Hurt
   Stiffness

015.0 Swelling or mass, site unspecified
   Includes:
   Bulge
   Bump
   Knot
   Lump

020.0 General symptoms of infants and children, NEC
   Includes:
   Crying too much
   Fidgety

020.0 General symptoms of infants and children, NEC—Con.
   Fussy
   Hyperactive
   Irritable
   Underactive

Symptoms Referable to the Nervous System (050.0-099.0)

050.0 Abnormal involuntary movements
   Includes:
   Shaking
   Tic
   Tremor
   Twitch
   Excludes:
   Eyes

052.0 Coma and stupor

053.0 Confusion

054.0 Convulsions
   Includes:
   Fits
   Seizures
   Spells
   Excludes:
   Fainting

056.0 Headache
   Includes:
   Migraine
   Nervous
   Tension

058.0 Memory, disturbances of
   Includes:
   Amnesia
   Lack or loss of memory
   Temporary loss of memory

059.0 Other disturbances of sensation
   Includes:
   Anesthesia
   Burning
   Hyperesthesia
   Loss of sense of:
   Smell
   Taste
   Touch
   Prickly feeling
   Tingling

062.0 Disturbances of sleep
   Includes:
   Drowsiness
   Hypersomnia
Disturbances of sleep—Con.
- Insomnia
- Trouble sleeping
- Can't sleep
- Nightmares
- Sleepiness
- Sleep walking
- Time-zone syndrome

65.0 Senility—Old Age
070.0 Other symptoms referable to the nervous system, NEC

Symptoms Referable to Skin, Nails, and Hair (100.0-199.0)

100.0 Acne or pimples
- Includes:
  - Bad complexion
  - Blackheads
  - Blemishes
  - Breaking out
  - Whiteheads

104.0 Discoloration or pigmentation
- Includes:
  - Blushing
  - Color, change in
  - Flushing
  - Freckles
  - Red
  - Spots
- Excludes:
  - Discoloration of extremities
  - Jaundice

106.0 Infectious disorders
- Includes:
  - Athlete's foot
  - Boils
  - Ringworm

108.0 Calluses or corns
109.0 Skin moles
110.0 Wrinkles
111.0 Warts
112.0 Allergic skin reactions
- Includes:
  - Hives
  - Photosensitivity
  - Poison ivy, poison oak, etc.
  - Rash, diaper

113.0 Skin irritations, NEC
- Includes:
  - Inflammation
  - Itching
  - Pain
  - Ulcer
  - Sore

115.0 Swelling or mass of skin
- Includes:
  - Bumps
  - Lesion
  - Nodules
  - Welts, except hives

116.0 Wounds of skin
- Includes:
  - Bites
  - Blisters, non-allergic
  - Bruises
  - Burns (chemical, sun, wind, and steam)
  - Cuts
  - Scratches

120.0 Other specific symptoms referable to skin
- Includes:
  - Dryness
  - Oiliness
  - Peeling
  - Scaliness
  - Texture, change in

122.0 Symptoms referable to nails
- Includes:
  - Breaking
  - Brittle
  - Color, change in
  - Cracked
  - Ingrown
  - Ridges
  - Splitting

124.0 Symptoms referable to hair
- Includes:
  - Baldness
  - Brittle
  - Dryness
  - Falling out
124.0 Symptoms referable to hair—Con.
   - Oiliness
   - Receding hair line

126.0 Symptoms of umbilicus
   Includes:
   - Discharge
   - Draining
   - Not healing
   - Painful
   - Red

130.0 Other symptoms of skin, nails and hair, NEC

Symptoms Referable to Cardiovascular and Lymphatic Systems (200.0-299.0)

200.0 Irregular pulsations and palpitations
   Includes:
   - Decreased
   - Fluttering
   - Increased
   - Pulse too fast
   - Pulse too slow
   - Other irregular heart beats
   - Rapid heart
   - Skipped beat
   - Unequal

201.0 Heart murmur

205.0 Abnormally high blood pressure
   Includes:
   - Elevated B/P
   - High B/P
   - Hypertension

206.0 Abnormally low blood pressure
   Includes:
   - Decreased B/P
   - Hypotension
   - Low B/P

210.0 Symptoms referable to blood
   Includes:
   - Poor
   - Thin
   - Tired
   - Weak

212.0 Pallor and cyanosis
   Includes:
   - Ashen color
   - Blueness of fingers-toes
   - Paleness

214.0 Syncope or collapse
   Includes:
   - Blacked out
   - Fainting
   - Passed out
   - Spells

216.0 Other symptoms of the heart, NEC
   Includes:
   - Bad heart
   - Poor heart
   - Weak heart

220.0 Other symptoms referable to cardiovascular system, NEC

231.0 Edema and dropsy

232.0 Swollen lymph glands
   Includes:
   - Enlarged lymph nodes
   - Sore glands
   - Swollen glands

240.0 Other symptoms referable to lymphatic system, NEC

Symptoms Referable to Respiratory System (300.0-399.0)

300.0 Nose bleed
   Includes:
   - Bleeding from nose
   - Hemorrhage from nose
   Excludes:
   - Injury

301.0 Nasal congestion
   Includes:
   - Drippy nose
   - Postnasal drip
   - Red nose
   - Runny nose
   - Sniffles
   - Stuffy nose

304.0 Sinus problems
   Includes:
   - Congestion
   - Impacted
   - Infected
   - Lightness
   - Pain
   - Pressure

306.0 Shortness of breath
   Includes:
   - Breathlessness
   - Dyspnea
306.0 Shortness of breath—Con.
   Sensation of suffocation
   Trouble breathing

307.0 Other disorders of respiratory rhythm and sound
   Includes:
   Abnormal breathing sounds
   Hyperventilation
   Rales
   Rapid breathing
   Sighing respiration
   Wheezing

310.0 Sneezing
311.0 Cough
312.0 Cold
313.0 Flu
   Includes:
   Grip
   Influenza

314.0 Croup
320.0 Sputum or phlegm
   Includes:
   Bloody
   Excessive
   Purulent

321.0 Congestion in chest
   Includes:
   Lung congestion

322.0 Pain in chest
   Includes:
   Burning sensation
   Chest tightness
   Pain in lung
   Pain over heart
   Pain: respiratory, rib, retrosternal, sternal, side of chest
   Pressure in/on chest

325.0 Disorders of voice
   Includes:
   Hoarseness
   Hypernasality

330.0 Other symptoms referable to the respiratory system, NEC

Symptoms Referable to the Musculoskeletal System (400.0-499.0)

400.0 Pain, swelling, injury of lower extremity—Con.
   Contracture
   Cramp
   Hot-cold
   Hurt
   Pulled muscle
   Soreness
   Spasm
   Stiffness
   Strain
   of
   Ankle
   Foot
   Hip
   Knee
   Leg or thigh
   Lower extremity, part unspecified
   Toe

405.0 Pain, swelling, injury of upper extremity
   Includes:
   Ache
   Contracture
   Cramp
   Hot-cold
   Hurt
   Pulled muscle
   Soreness
   Spasm
   Stiffness
   Strain
   of
   Arm
   Elbow
   Fingers
   Forearm
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   Shoulder
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   Upper arm
   Upper extremity, part unspecified
   Wrist

410.0 Pain, swelling, injury of face and neck region
   Includes:
   Ache
   Contracture
   Cramp
   Hurt
   Pulled muscle
410.0 Pain, swelling, injury of face and neck region—Con.
   Soreness
   Spasm
   Stiffness
   Strain
   of
   Back of head
   Cervical spine
   Face
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   Upper spine

415.0 Pain, swelling, injury of back region
   Includes:
   Ache
   Contracture
   Cramp
   Hurt
   Pulled muscle
   Soreness
   Spasm
   Stiffness
   Strain
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   Back, NOS
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   Lumbar
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420.0 Atrophy or wasting of extremities
   Includes:
   Numbness
   Paralysis, partial or complete
   Weakness

421.0 Difficulty in walking, abnormality of gait
   Includes:
   Clumsiness
   Falling
   Inability to stand or walk
   Limping
   Staggering

422.0 Other specific symptoms referable to limb and joint
   Includes:
   Foot drop
   Posture problems
   Wrist drop

425.0 Other and multiple symptoms referable to unspecified limbs, joints, or muscles
   Includes:
   Ache
   Contracture
   Cramp
   Hurt
   Pulled muscle
   Soreness
   Spasm
   Stiffness
   Strain

429.0 Bunion

430.0 Other symptoms referable to the musculoskeletal system, NEC

**Symptoms Referable to Digestive System (500.0-599.0)**

500.0 Chewing difficulty
501.0 Bleeding, gums (gingival)
502.0 Halitosis
   Includes:
   Bad breath

505.0 Symptoms referable to lips
   Includes:
   Abnormal color
   Bleeding
   Cracked
   Dry
   Pain
   Swelling

510.0 Symptoms referable to mouth
   Includes:
   Bad taste
   Burn
   Dryness
   Inflammation
   Pain
   Swelling
   Ulcer

511.0 Saliva, excess
   Includes:
   Drooling

512.0 Toothache
515.0 Other symptoms referable to mouth, NEC
520.0 Throat soreness
   Includes:
   Painful throat
520.0 Throat soreness—Con.
   Scratchy throat
   Sore throat

525.0 Symptoms referable to tongue
   Includes:
   Abnormal color
   Bleeding
   Blisters
   Burned
   Pain
   Ridges
   Smooth
   Swelling or mass
   Ulcer

527.0 Symptoms referable to tonsils
   Includes:
   Bleeding (postoperative)
   Discharge
   Inflammation
   Swelling

528.0 Difficulty in swallowing
   Includes:
   Choking

530.0 Other symptoms referable to throat, NEC

540.0 Abdominal pain
   Includes:
   Colic, intestinal (except infants)
   Pain in the following sites:
   Epigastrum
   Iliac
   Inguinal (groin)
   Right (left), upper (lower) quadrant
   Stomach (includes cramps)
   Umbilical region

541.0 Colic, infantile

542.0 Abdominal swelling or mass
   Includes:
   Distention or fullness

543.0 Flatulence
   Includes:
   Bloating, gas
   Distention due to gas
   Gas, excessive

545.0 Appetite, abnormal
   Includes:
   Decrease
   Excessive
   Loss

546.0 Feeding problems

550.0 Bleeding, gastrointestinal
   Includes:
   Blood in stools (melena)
   Hematemesis
   Hemorrhage, cause unknown
   Vomiting blood

554.0 Constipation

555.0 Diarrhea
   Includes:
   Loose stools

556.0 Other symptoms or changes in bowel function
   Includes:
   Bulky stools
   Dark stools
   Fatty stools
   Mucous stools
   Pus stools
   Unusual color
   Unusual odor

560.0 Symptoms referable to anus-rectum
   Includes:
   Bleeding
   Itching
   Mass
   Rectal pain
   Swelling

570.0 Heartburn or upset stomach
   Includes:
   Belching
   Indigestion

572.0 Nausea and vomiting
   Includes:
   Retching
   Sick to stomach
   Throwing up

574.0 Regurgitation or spitting-up

575.0 Hiccough

579.0 Jaundice

580.0 Other symptoms of liver, gallbladder, and biliary tract
   Includes:
   Biliary colic
   Gallstones

590.0 Other symptoms referable to the digestive system
Symptoms Referable to the Urinary Tract (600.0-629.0)

600.0 Urine abnormalities and abnormal constituents
   Includes:
   - Blood
   - Pus
   - Unusual color
   - Unusual odor
   Excludes:
   - Passing stones

601.0 Frequency and nocturia
   Includes:
   - Bed wetting
   - Night discharge

602.0 Incontinence of urine
   Includes:
   - Dribbling
   - Involuntary urination

603.0 Retention of urine
   Includes:
   - Cannot empty bladder
   - Inability to urinate

604.0 Painful urination
   Includes:
   - Burning

610.0 Other urinary dysfunction
   Includes:
   - Hesitancy
   - Large volume
   - Slowing of stream

620.0 Other symptoms referable to the urinary tract, NEC
   Includes:
   - Bladder trouble
   - Passed stones

631.0 Pain, swelling, or mass of male genital system—Con.
   Scrotum
   Testes
   Painful erection

640.0 Other symptoms referable to the male reproductive system
   Excludes:
   - Psychosexual problems

Symptoms Referable to the Female Reproductive System, Including Breast (650.0-699.0)

650.0 Menopause symptoms
   Includes:
   - Hot flashes

651.0 Premenstrual tension

652.0 Menstrual cramps

653.0 Menstrual disorders
   Includes:
   - Absence (amenorrhea)
   - Atypical material
   - Blood clots
   - Excessive (hypermenorrhea, menorrhagia, menometrorrhagia)
   - Frequent
   - Infrequent
   - Irregular (metrorrhagia)
   - Large flow
   - Onset delayed
   - Scanty
   - Small flow

654.0 Ovulation pain

660.0 Pelvic symptoms
   Includes:
   - Pain
   - Pressure or dropping sensation
   - Swelling or mass

661.0 Vaginal disorders
   Includes:
   - Pain
   - Swelling or mass

662.0 Vaginal discharge
   Includes:
   - Atypical (leukorrhea)
   - Bloody
   - Brown

663.0 Vulvar disorders
   Includes:
   - Itching
   - Pain
663.0 Vulvar disorders—Con.
   Perineal swelling or mass
   Ulcer

665.0 Infertility—female
   Includes:
   Sterility

667.0 Problems of pregnancy, NEC
   Includes:
   Leaking amniotic fluid
   Possible labor
   Products of conception passed
   Spotting

670.0 Other symptoms referable to the female reproductive system, NEC

Breast Symptoms

680.0 Lump or mass of breast
   Includes:
   Bump
   Hard spot
   Knot
   Local swelling
   Nodule

681.0 Pain or soreness of breast
   Includes:
   Redness
   Swelling, generalized
   Tenderness

683.0 Symptoms of nipple
   Includes:
   Bleeding
   Change in color
   Discharge
   Inflammation
   Inversion

684.0 Postpartum problems of breast
   Includes:
   Abnormal secretion
   Absence of milk
   Difficulty or inability in nursing
   Engorgement
   Excessive milk
   Improper lactation

690.0 Other symptoms referable to breast, NEC
   Includes:
   Sagging

690.0 Other symptoms referable to breast, NEC—Con.
   Too large
   Too small

Symptoms Referable to the Eyes and Ears (700.0-799.0)

700.0 Blindness
   Includes:
   Complete

701.0 Other vision dysfunction
   Includes:
   Blurred
   Cloudy vision
   Diminished
   Dull vision
   Floaters
   Half vision
   Hazy vision
   Photophobia
   Spots

704.0 Discharge from eye
   Includes:
   Blood
   Excessive tearing
   Pus
   Watering

705.0 Eye pain and irritation
   Includes:
   Burning
   Inflamed
   Irritation
   Itching
   Swelling or mass
   Excludes:
   Eyelids

708.0 Abnormal eye movements
   Includes:
   Abnormal retraction
   Cross-eyed
   Pupil unequal
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   Twitching

710.0 Symptoms of eyelids
   Includes:
   Drooping
   Inflammation
   Itching
   Swelling or mass
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800.0 Anxiety
   Includes:
   - Apprehension

801.0 Fears and phobias

805.0 Restlessness
   Includes:
   - Hyperactivity
   - Overactivity

806.0 Loneliness

807.0 Depression
   Includes:
   - Bitterness
   - Crying excessively
   - Dejected
   - Discontented
   - Feeling lost
   - Feeling low
   - Feeling rejected
   - Hopelessness
   - Unhappy
   - Worrying

810.0 Nervousness
   Includes:
   - “Butterflies”
   - Nerves
   - Tension
   - Upset

815.0 Behavioral disturbance
   Includes:
   - Antisocial behavior
   - Behavioral problems
   - Irritability
   - Quarrelsome
   - Temper tantrums

820.0 Excessive smoking

821.0 Alcohol related problems
   Includes:
   - Alcoholism
   - Drinks too much

822.0 Abnormal drug usage
   Includes:
   - Excessive use of stimulants or depressants
   - Misuse of medications or drugs

824.0 Delusions or hallucinations

826.0 Bad habits
   Includes:
   - Chewing on hair
   - Nail biting
   - Thumb sucking

711.0 Sty
712.0 Pink-eye
   Includes:
   - Conjunctivitis

715.0 Foreign body in eye

716.0 Eye injuries
   Includes:
   - Black eye
   - Burns
   - Scratches

   Excludes:
   - Foreign body

717.0 Abnormal appearance of eyes
   Includes:
   - Abnormal eye protrusion
   - Bloodshot
   - Cloudy
   - Dull
   - Hazy

720.0 Other symptoms referable to the eye, NEC

Ears

730.0 Deafness

731.0 Other hearing dysfunctions
   Includes:
   - Acute hearing
   - Diminished hearing
   - Extraneous noises
   - Ringing in ears
   - Trouble hearing

734.0 Discharge from ear
   Includes:
   - Bleeding

735.0 Earache
   Includes:
   - Pain in ear

737.0 Plugged feeling in ear
   Includes:
   - Blocked
   - Cracking
   - Popping
   - Stopped up

738.0 Excess wax in ear

739.0 Abnormal ear size

740.0 Other symptoms referable to the ears, NEC
   Includes:
   - Foreign body in ear
   - Itching
   - Swelling or mass
827.0 Obsessions or compulsions
828.0 Psychosexual disorders
  Includes:
    Frigidity
    Homosexuality
    Impotence
830.0 Other symptoms or problems relating to mental health, NEC

Non symptomatic visits according to patient's purpose (900.0-999.0)

Visit for examination

900.0 General medical examination
  Includes:
    Annual examination
    Checkup
    General examination
    Office examination
    Physical examination
    Regular examination
    Routine examination
  Excludes:
    Well-baby examination
901.0 Physical examinations
  Includes:
    Disability evaluation
    Driver's license physical
    Examination for socialsecurity or insurance forms
    High school, college, or camp physical
    Industrial examination
    Military eligibility
    Preemployment physical
    Required company physical
    Return to work checkup
902.0 General psychiatric examination
903.0 Radiological examination
904.0 Gynecologic examination
  Includes:
    Marital examination
    Pap smear
    Routine gynecologic examination
905.0 Pregnancy examination, routine
  Includes:
    Prenatal
    Routine check
906.0 Well-baby checkup or examination
909.0 Other examination, NEC
  Includes:
    Routine ophthalmologic examination
  Excludes:
    Followup visit
    Progress visit

Visit for therapy

910.0 For medication
  Includes:
    Allergy shots
    Immunizations
    Injections—vitamins and hormones
    New prescription
    Renewal of prescription
    Routine inoculations
911.0 For other therapy
  Includes:
    Physical therapy
    Radiation therapy
  Excludes:
    Family planning services

Visit for testing

920.0 Laboratory test
  Includes:
    EKG
    Throat culture
    To have blood work done
  Excludes:
    Pap smear—See gynecologic examination
921.0 Other testing, NEC
  Includes:
    Pulmonary function test
  Excludes:
    X-ray test

Visit for family planning services

930.0 Counseling regarding:
  Abortion
  Contraceptives
930.0 Counseling regarding—Con.
   Infertility
   Sterilization
931.0 Medication
   Includes:
   Instructions in the use of medications
   Request for medicine
932.0 Services
   Includes:
   Abortion performed
   Insertion (removal) of IUD
   Vasectomy
935.0 Other family planning services, NEC

Visit for advice and instructions
940.0 Physician discusses or instructs patient regarding:
   Diet change or control
   Exercise
   Fitting of prosthesis
   Home—self-care
   Medication— injection (use)
   Use of crutches or cane
941.0 Patient seeks advice regarding situational problems
   Includes:
   Family problems
   Job dissatisfaction, problem
   Legal problems
   Marital problems
   School problems
942.0 Patient requests advice regarding non-specified reason
   Includes:
   Has a problem
   Wants to talk to doctor
950.0 Preoperative visit
   Includes:
   Discuss possibility of plastic surgery
   Instruction and counseling regarding imminent surgery
   Preoperative check
   To have surgery
960.0 Visit for minor surgery
   Includes:
   Ears pierced
960.0 Visit for minor surgery—Con.
   Joint manipulation
   Nonspecific lesion to be removed
   Excludes:
   Abortion
   Vasectomy
970.0 Referred visit (referred from another physician or agency)

Followup care—progress visit
980.0 Progress visit—specified condition
   Includes: Examination or checkup for purpose of evaluating the progress of a specified condition:
   Check—cancer of mouth
   Check following thyroidectomy
   Check for hypertension
   Check—postflu
   Examination following strep throat
   Old duodenal ulcer—healed
   Postop—cancer of breast
   Status arthritis—check hands
   Surgical aftercare—cataract extraction
985.0 Progress visit—unspecified condition
   Includes: Examination of checkup for purpose of evaluating the progress of a nonspecified condition:
   Abnormal laboratory findings
   Blood pressure check
   Change or removal of cast
   Draining wound
   Healing wound
   Heart check
   Postop. visit
   Suture removal following surgery
990.0 Problems, complaints, symptoms, or reasons for visit, NEC
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   Diabetes
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Choking 528.0
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  arm 405.0
  elbow 405.0
  fingers 405.0
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  forearm 405.0
  hand 405.0
  hip 400.0
  knee 400.0
  leg 400.0
  lower extremity, part unspecified 400.0
  shoulder 405.0
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  liver 580.0
  lymph nodes 232.0
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Epigastrium pain 540.0

Epitaxis 300.0

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Excessive
  appetite 545.0
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   contracture 410.0
   cramp 410.0
   hurt 410.0
   injury 410.0
   limited motion 410.0
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   heartbeat 200.0
   pulse 200.0

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   bad 005.0
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   menstruation 653.0
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Frigidity 828.0
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Functioning, Functional
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Gait, abnormal 421.0
Gallbladder, symptoms of 580.0
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Gas
  bloating 543.0
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  rapid 200.0
  sounds, abnormal, increased 200.0
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Hesitancy of urination 610.0
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  to nurse 684.0
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Increased
  blood pressure 205.0
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  mouth 510.0
  nipple 683.0
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Irregular
  heartbeats 200.0
  menstruation 653.0
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Irritability 815.0
  infants 020.0
Irritation
  ear 735.0
  eye 705.0
  skin 113.0
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  ear 740.0
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  skin 113.0
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  cramp 425.0
  hurt 425.0
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  pulled muscle 425.0
  soreness 425.0
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Milk
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Movements, abnormal (involuntary) 050.0
  bladder 602.0
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Nails
  biting 826.0
  brittle 122.0
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Nasal
  bleeding 300.0
  congestion 301.0
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  red 301.0
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Numbness of extremities 420.0
Obesity 010.0
Obsession 827.0
Oily
  hair 124.0
  skin 120.0
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Overactivity
  adult 805.0
  infant 020.0
Oversize
  breast 690.0
  ears 757.0
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Pain (see also Ache and particular site)
  abdominal 540.0
  breast 681.0
  chest 322.0
  ear 735.0
  epigastrium 540.0
  eye 705.0
  face 402.0
  generalized 013.0
  groin 540.0
  head 056.0
  iliac 540.0
  inguinal 540.0
  knee 400.0
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left quadrant 540.0
lips 505.0
lower quadrant 540.0
mouth 510.0
nonspecific 013.0
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penis 631.0
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rib 322.0
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testicle 621.0
throat 520.0
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urinary 604.0
vaginal 661.0
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tongue 525.0
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    relaxed 660.0
    sensation of dropping 660.0
    symptoms of 660.0
Penis
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Phlegm
    bloody 320.0
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    excessive 320.0
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    phobia 701.0
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Physiological development, lack of 009.0
Physical therapy 911.0
Pigmentation
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    skin 104.0
Pimples 100.0
Pink-eye 712.0
Plugged feeling in ear 937.0
Poison ivy, oak, sumac 112.0
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Poor
    blood 210.0
    heart 216.0
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    pelvis 660.0
    sinus 304.0
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    breathing 306.0
    drinking (alcohol) 821.0
    economic 941.0
    family 941.0
    female 670.0
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    male 640.0
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Relaxed pelvic floor 660.0
Removal of
  IUD 932.0
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Respiratory
  insufficiency 306.0
  pain 322.0
  rhythm disorders 307.0
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Restlessness 805.0
Retching 572.0
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  urine 603.0
Retrosternal pain 322.0
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Ridges, tongue 525.0
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Rigidity, abdominal 540.0
Ringing in ear 731.0
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Scales 120.0
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Scratchy throat 520.0
Scrotum, pain 631.0
Seizure 054.0
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  burning 059.0
  burning (in chest) 322.0
  falling 069.0
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  pelvis floor, dropping 660.0
  smell (unusual) 059.0
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  decreased 200.0
  increased 200.0
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Pupils unequal 708.0
Purulent sputum 320.0
Pus
  eye 704.0
  stools 556.0
Quarrelsome 815.0
Radiological examination 903.0
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Rapid
  breathing 307.0
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Rash 112.0
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Rectal Rectum
  bleeding 560.0
  itching 560.0
  mass 560.0
  pain 560.0
  swelling 560.0
  symptoms of 560.0
Red, Redness
  eye 717.0
  breast 681.0
  nose 301.0
  skin 104.0
  umbilicus 126.0
Sexual problem 828.0
Shaking 050.0
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Sick
  feeling 005.0
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Side of chest, pain 322.0
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Sinus
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  problem 304.0
Skin
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  burning 059.0
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  clammy 120.0
  cold 120.0
  inflammation 113.0
  irritation 113.0
  mass 115.0
  moles 109.0
  rash 112.0
  red 104.0
  rings 104.0
  rough 120.0
  sores 113.0
  thickened 120.0
  warts 111.0
  waxy 120.0
  wrinkles 110.0
Skipped beat 200.0
Sleep
  disturbances of 062.0
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Slow pulse 200.0
Slowling of stream 610.0
Smell
  disturbance of 059.0
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  unusual sensations of 059.0
Smoking, excessive 820.0
Smooth tongue 525.0
Sneezing 310.0
Sniffles 301.0
Social maladjustments 815.0
Sore
  glands 232.0
  skin 113.0
  throat 520.0
Soreness (see Ache and particular site)
Sounds
  breathing 307.0
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  eye 708.0
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Spells 054.0
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Spitting up 574.0
Splitting
  lips 505.0
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  nails 124.0
  skin 104.0
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Sprain (see Ache and particular site)
Sputum
  coughing up 320.0
  excessive 320.0
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Squinting 708.0
Staggering 421.0
Stammering 067.0
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Sterility
  female 665.0
  male 630.0
Sternal pain 322.0
Stiffness (see Ache and particular site)
Stomach
  cramps 540.0
  pain 540.0
  upset 570.0
Stones, passed 620.0
Stools
  abnormal 556.0
  bloody 550.0
  bulky 556.0
  dark 556.0
  fatty 556.0
Stools—Con.
  loose 555.0
  pus in 556.0
  unusual color 556.0
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Stopped up
  ears 737.0
  nose 301.0
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Strain (see Ache and particular site)
Stream, slowing of 610.0
Stuffy nose 301.0
Stupor 052.0
Stuttering 067.0
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Suffocation, sensation 306.0
Surgery, (minor) visit 950.0
Surgical aftercare
  specified condition 680.0
  unspecified condition 685.0
Swallowing difficulties 528.0
Sweating
  Sweats
    excessive 007.0
    night 007.0
Swelling
  abdominal 542.0
  ankle 400.0
  arm 405.0
  back 415.0
  back of head 410.0
  breast, generalized 681.0
  breast, local 680.0
  cervical spine 410.0
  ear 740.0
  elbow 405.0
  eye 705.0
  eyelid 710.0
  face 410.0
  fingers 405.0
  foot 400.0
  forearm 405.0
  generalized 015.0
  hand 405.0
  hip 400.0
  jaw 410.0
  joints, not specified 425.0
  joints specified (see site)
  knee 400.0
  leg 400.0
  limbs, not specified 425.0
  lower back 415.0
Swelling—Con.
  lower extremity, part unspecified 400.0
  lumbar 415.0
  lumbosacral 415.0
  neck 410.0
  pelvis 660.0
  penis 631.0
  sacroiliac 415.0
  scrotum 631.0
  shoulder 405.0
  site unspecified 015.0
  skin 115.0
  testicle 631.0
  tongue 525.0
  tonsils 527.0
  upper extremity, part unspecified 405.0
  vagina 661.0
  vulva 663.0
Swollen
  ankles 400.0
  glands 232.0
Syncope 214.0
Taste
  disturbance of 059.0
  loss of sense of 059.0
  unusual sensation 059.0
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