



From the ICD-10 Mailbag

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Coding for Retinal Disease in ICD-10

RPE hyperplasia has been confusing to code for some. But could be coded as

- unspecified retinal degeneration (H35.40)
- unspecified chorioretinal scar (H31.00-)

While these are not the best codes, they represent the best choices available.

White without pressure is a more confusing condition to code because in reality it is not a retinal condition but a vitreous disorder. Reasonable codes to use, could include:

Vitreous degeneration (H43.81-)

- Other vitreous opacities (H43.39-) or possibly
- Other disorders of the vitreous body (H43.89)

Again while these are not the best codes and we want to be as specific as possible, sometimes we just have to apply a best fit rule

Please keep sending your coding questions, and we will address the best in the next issue of The Gazette.

Happy Coding,

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