The terms arteriosclerosis and atherosclerosis may be used interchangeably for coding and documentation purposes.

### ICD-10-CM

#### Peripheral Arterial Disease

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<td>Peripheral arterial disease, intermittent claudication and peripheral vascular disease are all codes to:</td>
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#### Documentation for this subcategory must include:

- right leg, left leg, bilateral legs, other extremities and unspecified extremity in order to assign sixth character

- Unspecified atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities - I70.20-  
- Atherosclerosis of the native arteries of extremities with intermittent claudication - I70.21-  
- Atherosclerosis of native arteries with rest pain - I70.22-  
- Atherosclerosis of native arteries of right leg with ulceration - I70.23-  
- Atherosclerosis of native arteries of left leg with ulceration - I70.24-  

- Atherosclerosis of native arteries of other extremities with ulcerations — include code to identify the severity of the ulcer (L98.49-) - I70.25-  
- Atherosclerosis of native arteries of extremities with gangrene include code to identify the severity of the ulcer (L97.-, L98.49-) if applicable - I70.26-  

### Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic peripheral angiopathy without gangrene

- Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic peripheral angiopathy without gangrene - E11.51

- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of the lower limb, not elsewhere classified - L97.-  
- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of thigh - L97.1-  

- Type 2 diabetes mellitus with peripheral vascular disease with gangrene - E11.52  

- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of calf - L97.2-  
- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of ankle - L97.3-  

### Non-pressure chronic ulcer

- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of heel and midfoot - L97.4-  
- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of other part of foot - L97.5-  
- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of other part of lower leg - L97.8-  
- Non-pressure chronic ulcer of unspecified part of lower leg - L97-9-  

While documenting ulcers, be sure to document the type of ulcer, the site of ulcer, laterality of ulcer and the severity of ulcer.

### Peripheral Vascular Disease Documentation Tips:

- **Type 2 diabetes mellitus with circulatory complication:** There is an assumed relationship between diabetes and peripheral vascular disease. Both conditions must be documented and valid to capture code.

- It is important **not to** document ulcers as “wounds,” “open wounds” or “lesions.”

### Coding Scenario:

An 80-year old female patient comes in for an annual wellness exam. During that visit, the provider documents, “Diabetic PVD with gangrene and ulcer of the left heel, with exposed fat layer.”

- E11.52 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with peripheral vascular disease with gangrene

- L97.422 Non-pressure chronic ulcer of left heel midfoot with fat layer exposed