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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-

atically 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 NAMCS data in such areas as planning for 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

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PATIENT RECORD NATIONAL AMBULATORY MEDICAL CARE SURVEY						
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4. COLOR OR RACE 1 <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NEGRO/BLACK 3 <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER 4 <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN		5. PATIENT'S PRINCIPAL PROBLEM(S) COMPLAINT(S), OR SYMPTOM(S) THIS VISIT <small>(In patient's own words)</small> a. MOST IMPORTANT _____ b. OTHER _____		6. SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM IN ITEM 5a <small>(Check one)</small> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> VERY SERIOUS 2 <input type="checkbox"/> SERIOUS 3 <input type="checkbox"/> SLIGHTLY SERIOUS 4 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT SERIOUS		
7. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS PATIENT BEFORE? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO ↓ <small>If YES, for the problem indicated in ITEM 5a?</small> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO						
8. MAJOR REASON(S) FOR THIS VISIT <small>(Check all major reasons)</small> 01 <input type="checkbox"/> ACUTE PROBLEM 02 <input type="checkbox"/> ACUTE PROBLEM, FOLLOW-UP 03 <input type="checkbox"/> CHRONIC PROBLEM, ROUTINE 04 <input type="checkbox"/> CHRONIC PROBLEM, FLARE-UP 05 <input type="checkbox"/> PRENATAL CARE 06 <input type="checkbox"/> POSTNATAL CARE 07 <input type="checkbox"/> POSTOPERATIVE CARE → _____ <small>(Operative procedure)</small>				9. PHYSICIAN'S PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS THIS VISIT a. DIAGNOSIS ASSOCIATED WITH ITEM 5a ENTRY _____ _____ b. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CURRENT DIAGNOSES <small>(In order of importance)</small> _____ _____		
10. TREATMENT/SERVICE ORDERED OR PROVIDED THIS VISIT <small>(Check all that apply)</small> 01 <input type="checkbox"/> NONE ORDERED/PROVIDED 02 <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL HISTORY/EXAM 03 <input type="checkbox"/> LAB PROCEDURE/TEST 04 <input type="checkbox"/> X-RAYS 05 <input type="checkbox"/> INJECTION/IMMUNIZATION 06 <input type="checkbox"/> OFFICE SURGICAL TREATMENT _____ <small>(Specify)</small>				11. DISPOSITION THIS VISIT <small>(Check all that apply)</small> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> NO FOLLOW-UP PLANNED 2 <input type="checkbox"/> RETURN AT SPECIFIED TIME 3 <input type="checkbox"/> RETURN IF NEEDED, P.R.N. 4 <input type="checkbox"/> TELEPHONE FOLLOW-UP PLANNED 5 <input type="checkbox"/> REFERRED TO OTHER PHYSICIAN/AGENCY 6 <input type="checkbox"/> RETURNED TO REFERRING PHYSICIAN 7 <input type="checkbox"/> ADMIT TO HOSPITAL 8 <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <small>(Specify)</small> _____		
12. DURATION OF THIS VISIT <small>(Time actually spent with physician)</small> _____ MINUTES						
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Figure 1. Patient Record form: National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, 1973.

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 White⁴ 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 Norman⁸ 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 Spaulding⁹ 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? Murnaghan³ 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 Spaulding⁹ 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's¹¹ 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 Greenlick¹² at the Kaiser Foundation Hospitals in Portland, Oregon, developed an extensive symptom classification for their medical care utilization study. Renner's¹⁶ 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 addi-

tional 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 ICDA, 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,¹¹ 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.^{9,11,12,14} 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.¹⁵ 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.¹¹

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.

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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

- 062.0 Disturbances of sleep—Con.
 - Insomnia
 - Trouble sleeping
 - Can't sleep
 - Nightmares
 - Sleepiness
 - Sleep walking
 - Time-zone syndrome
- 065.0 Senility—Old Age
- 067.0 Stammering or stuttering
- 069.0 Vertigo-dizziness
 - Includes:
 - Falling sensation
 - Giddiness
 - Lightheadedness
 - Loss of sense of equilibrium or balance
- 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, retro-sternal, 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
 - Includes:
 - Ache
 - Charleyhorse

- 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
 - Hand
 - Shoulder
 - Thumb
 - 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
Jaw
Neck
Upper spine

415.0 Pain, swelling, injury of back region

Includes:

Ache
Contracture
Cramp
Hurt
Pulled muscle
Soreness
Spasm
Stiffness
Strain

of

Back, NOS
Back, upper, lower
Lumbar
Lumbosacral
Sacroiliac
Spine, NOS
Thoracic spine

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:
 - Epigastrium
 - 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

Symptoms Referable to the Male Reproductive System (630.0-649.0)

- 630.0 Infertility—Male
 - Includes:
 - Low sperm count
 - Sterility
- 631.0 Pain, swelling, or mass of male genital system
 - Includes:
 - Pain, swelling, or mass of the following sites:
 - Penis

- 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, metrorrhagia)
 - 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
 - Floater
 - 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
 - Spasms
 - Squinting
 - Twitching
- 710.0 Symptoms of eyelids
 - Includes:
 - Drooping
 - Inflammation
 - Itching
 - Swelling or mass

- 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
 - Ringling 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

Symptoms and Problems Relating to Mental Health (800.0-899.0)

- 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

- 827.0 Obsessions or compulsions
- 828.0 Psychosexual disorders
 - Includes:
 - Frigidity
 - Homosexuality
 - Impotence
- 830.0 Other symptoms or problems relating to mental health, NEC

Nonsymptomatic 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 social security 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:
 - Postnatal
 - Pregnancy confirmed
 - Pregnancy unconfirmed

- 905.0 Pregnancy examination, routine—Con.
 - 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 thyroid-ectomy
 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
 Includes:
 Diabetes
- 997.0 Entry of “None”
- 998.0 Noncodable entry
 Includes:
 Out of scope
- 999.0 Illegible entry

APPENDIX II

ALPHABETIC INDEX OF TERMS

Abdominal

distension 542.0
fullness 542.0
pain 540.0
rigidity 542.0
swelling 542.0

Abnormal Abnormality

breathing sounds 307.0
drug usage 822.0
ear size 739.0
eye appearance 717.0
gait 421.0
hair 124.0
heart sounds 200.0
high blood pressure 205.0
lip color 505.0
low blood pressure 206.0
periods 653.0
protrusion (eye) 717.0
retraction (eye) 708.0
secretion (postpartum, breast) 684.0
sounds (respiratory) 307.0
stools 556.0
tongue color 525.0

Abnormal involuntary movements 050.0

eyes 708.0
muscles (*see also* Twitching) 050.0

Abortion

counseling 930.0
performed 932.0
request 930.0

Absence (*see also* Lack of)

appetite 545.0
feeling 059.0
hair 124.0
milk (postpartum) 684.0

Ache

all over 013.0
ankle 400.0

Ache—Con.

arm 405.0
back 415.0
back of head 410.0
cervical spine 410.0
elbow 405.0
face 410.0
fingers 405.0
foot 400.0
forearm 405.0
generalized 013.0
hand 405.0
hip 400.0
jaw 410.0
joints, not specified 425.0
knee 400.0
leg 400.0
limbs, not specified 425.0
lower back 415.0
lower extremity, part unspecified 400.0
lumbar 415.0
lumbosacral 415.0
neck 410.0
sacroiliac 415.0
shoulder 405.0
site unspecified 013.0
spine 415.0
thigh 400.0
thoracic spine 415.0
thumb 405.0
toe 400.0
upper back 415.0
upper extremity, part unspecified 405.0
upper spine 415.0
wrist 405.0

Acne 100.0

Activity

over 805.0

Activity—Con.
 over (infants) 020.0
 under (infants) 020.0
 Acute hearing 731.0
 Alcohol-related disturbances 821.0
 Allergic skin reactions 112.0
 Allergy shots 910.0
 Amnesia 058.0
 Anesthesia 059.0
 Ankle
 ache 400.0
 broken 400.0
 cold 400.0
 contracture 400.0
 cramp 400.0
 hot 400.0
 hurt 400.0
 injury 400.0
 limited motion 400.0
 pain 400.0
 pulled muscle 400.0
 soreness 400.0
 spasm 400.0
 stiffness 400.0
 strain 400.0
 swelling 400.0
 Annual checkup 900.0
 Antisocial behavior 815.0
 Anus, symptoms referable to 560.0
 Anxiety 800.0
 Appetite
 abnormal 545.0
 decreased 545.0
 excessive 545.0
 loss of 545.0
 Apprehension 800.0
 Arm
 ache 405.0
 broken 405.0
 cold 405.0
 contracture 405.0
 cramp 405.0
 hot 405.0
 hurt 405.0
 injury 405.0
 limited motion 405.0
 pain 405.0
 pulled muscle 405.0
 soreness 405.0
 spasm 405.0
 stiffness 405.0
 strain 405.0
 swelling 405.0
 Arm—Con.
 strain 405.0
 swelling 405.0
 Ashen color 212.0
 Athlete's foot 106.0
 Atrophy of extremities 420.0
 Back, lower upper
 ache 415.0
 contracture 415.0
 cramp 415.0
 hurt 415.0
 injury 415.0
 limited motion 415.0
 pain 415.0
 pulled muscle 415.0
 soreness 415.0
 spasm 415.0
 stiffness 415.0
 strain 415.0
 swelling 415.0
 Bad
 breath 502.0
 complexion 100.0
 habits 826.0
 heart 216.0
 taste 510.0
 Balance, loss of sense of 069.0
 Baldness 124.0
 Bedwetting 601.0
 Behavioral disturbances 815.0
 Belching 570.0
 Biliary
 colic 580.0
 symptoms of 580.0
 Bites 116.0
 Bitterness 807.0
 Black-
 eye 716.0
 heads 100.0
 out 214.0
 Bladder problems (*see* 600.0-606.0)
 Bleed, Bleeding
 ear 734.0
 eye 704.0
 gastrointestinal 550.0
 gingival 501.0
 gums 501.0
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Bleed, Bleeding—Con.
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 Blemishes 100.0
 Blindness, partial or complete 700.0
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 Blisters
 nonallergic 116.0
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 Bloating, gas 543.0
 Blocked feeling in ears 737.0
 Blood
 in stools 550.0
 poor 210.0
 tired 210.0
 vomiting 550.0
 weak 210.0
 Blood pressure
 abnormal 205.0
 decreased 206.0
 elevated 205.0
 high 205.0
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 Bloodshot eyes 717.0
 Blueness
 fingers 212.0
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 Blurred vision 701.0
 Blushing
 abnormal 104.0
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 Boils 106.0
 Bowel, Bowels
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 Breaking nails 122.0
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 Breast
 bump 680.0
 deformity 690.0
 hard spot 680.0
 knot 680.0
 lump 680.0
 mass 680.0
 nodule 680.0
 pain 681.0
 redness 681.0
 sagging 690.0
 soreness 681.0
 swelling 680.0
 Breast, swelling—Con.
 generalized 681.0
 local 680.0
 tender 681.0
 too large 690.0
 too small 690.0
 Breath, breathing
 bad 502.0
 problem 307.0
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 sounds, abnormal 307.0
 Breathlessness 306.0
 Brittle
 hair 124.0
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 Bruises 116.0
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 Bunion 429.0
 Burning
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 mouth 050.0
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 sun 116.0
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 Butterflies 810.0
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 Calluses 108.0
 Change in
 bowels 556.0
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 Charleyhorse 400.0
 Chest
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 Chewing
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 Chills 001.0
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 Coated tongue 525.0
 Coitus, painful 661.0
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 Cold
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 arm 405.0
 elbow 405.0
 fingers 405.0
 foot 400.0
 forearm 405.0
 hand 405.0
 hip 400.0
 knee 400.0
 leg 400.0
 lower extremity, part unspecified 400.0
 shoulder 405.0
 skin 120.0
 thigh 400.0
 thumb 405.0
 toe 400.0
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 Compulsion 827.0
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 Congestion
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 Constipation 554.0
 Contraceptive counseling 930.0
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 Corns 108.0
 Cough, coughing 311.0
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 Cracked
 lips 505.0
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 Cross-eyed 708.0
 Croup 314.0
 Crying 807.0
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 Cuts 116.0
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 site unspecified 015.0
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 Dark urine 600.0
 Deafness 730.0
 Decreased
 appetite 545.0
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 eye 704.0
 nipple 683.0
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 Discoloration
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 skin, 104.0
 Discontented 807.0
 Disorders (*see also* Disturbance)
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 Dissatisfaction, job 941.0
 Distention
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 Dribbling 602.0
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 Drip, postnasal 301.0
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 Drooling, excessive 511.0
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 Dropsy 231.0
 Dryness
 eye 705.0
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 Edema 231.0
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 Elevated blood pressure 205.0
 Empty
 bladder, inability to 603.0
 Engorged nipple 683.0
 Enlarged
 heart 220.0
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 lymph nodes 232.0
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 Epigastrium pain 540.0
 Epitaxis 300.0
 Equilibrium, loss of sense of 069.0
 Erection, painful 621.0
 Excessive
 appetite 545.0
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 dryness 705.0
 examination 909.0
 inflamed 705.0
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 pain 705.0
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 Eyelid
 closed 710.0
 drooping 710.0
 dropping 710.0
 itching 710.0
 red 710.0
 swollen 710.0
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 Face
 ache 410.0
 contracture 410.0
 cramp 410.0
 hurt 410.0
 injury 410.0
 limited motion 410.0
 pain 410.0
 pulled muscle 410.0
 soreness 410.0
 spasm 410.0
 stiffness 410.0
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 Fainting 214.0
 Falling
 (out) of hair 124.0
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 Family
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 Fever 002.0
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 Fidgety 805.0
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 Fit 054.0
 Flashes
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 menstruation 653.0
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 distention 543.0
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 General, generalized
 ill-feeling 005.0
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 symptoms of infants 020.0
 weakness 004.0
 Giddiness 069.0
 Gingival bleeding 501.0
 Glands, swollen 232.0
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 Groin, pain 540.0
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 vision 701.0
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 Headaches 056.0
 Hearing
 disturbance of 701.0
 noises (nonpsychiatric) 701.0
 Heart
 beats, irregular 200.0
 burn 570.0
 flutter 200.0
 murmur 201.0
 pain over 322.0
 rapid 200.0
 sounds, abnormal, increased 200.0
 weak 216.0
 Hemorrhage
 gastrointestinal 550.0
 nose 300.0
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 Hesitancy of urination 610.0
 Hiccough 575.0
 High
 blood pressure 205.0
 temperature 002.0
 Hip (*see* Ankle and particular condition)
 Hives 112.0
 Hoarseness 325.0
 Homosexuality 828.0
 Hopelessness 807.0
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 Hyperactivity 805.0
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 Hyperesthesia 059.0
 Hypersomnia 062.0
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 Imbalance, fluid 007.0
 Impacted sinuses 304.0
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 to nurse 684.0
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 Incontinence of urine 602.0
 Increased
 blood pressure 205.0
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 Indigestion 570.0
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 Infertility
 counseling 930.0
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 Inflamed, Inflammation
 eye 705.0
 eyelid 710.0
 mouth 510.0
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 skin 113.0
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Influenza 313.0
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 Irregular
 heartbeats 200.0
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 Irritability 815.0
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 Irritation
 ear 735.0
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 skin 113.0
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 Jaundice 579.0
 Jaw (*see* Face and particular condition)
 Job dissatisfaction 941.0
 Joint manipulation 960.0
 Joints (*see* particular site)
 Joints, not specified
 ache 425.0
 contracture 425.0
 cramp 425.0
 hurt 425.0
 pain 425.0

 Joints, not specified—Con.
 pulled muscle 425.0
 soreness 425.0
 spasm 425.0
 stiffness 425.0
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 Knee (*see* Ankle and particular condition)
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 Labor, possible 667.0
 Laboratory test 920.0
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 Large menstrual flow 653.0
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 Left quadrant pain 540.0
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 Light, flashes 701.0
 Lightheadedness 069.0
 Lightness, sinus 304.0
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 Limited motion (*see* Ache and particular site)
 Limping 421.0
 Lips
 abnormal color 505.0
 bleeding 505.0
 cracked 505.0
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 splitting 505.0
 symptoms of 505.0
 Litigation, impending 941.0
 Liver, symptoms of 580.0
 Loneliness 806.0
 Loose stools 555.0
 Loss of
 appetite 545.0
 family member 941.0
 hair 124.0
 memory 058.0
 sense of equilibrium (balance) 069.0
 sense of smell 059.0
 sense of taste 059.0
 sense of touch 059.0
 weight 011.0
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Low
 blood pressure 206.0
 sperm count 620.0
 Lower extremity, part unspecified (*see* Ankle and particular condition)
 Lower quadrant pain 540.0
 Lumbar (*see* Back and particular condition)
 Lumbosacral (*see* Back and particular condition)
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 Lymph nodes, swollen 232.0

 Maladjustment, social 815.0
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 Medical examination 900.0
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 Menopause symptoms 650.0
 Menstrual
 cramps 652.0
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 Migraine, headache 056.0
 Milk
 absence of 684.0
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 Mole 109.0
 Movements, abnormal (involuntary) 050.0
 bladder 602.0
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 Muscles (*see* particular site)
 Muscles, unspecified (*see* Joints, not specified and particular condition)

 Nails
 biting 826.0
 brittle 122.0
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 stained 122.0
 Nasal
 bleeding 300.0
 congestion 301.0
 Nausea 572.0

 Neck (*see* Face and particular condition)
 Nerves, Nervous, Nervousness 810.0
 headache 056.0
 Night discharge 601.0
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 Nipple
 discharge 683.0
 inflammation 683.0
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 Noises, heard (nonpsychiatric) 731.0
 Noncodable entry 998.0
 Nonspecific pain 013.0
 Nose
 bleed 300.0
 drippy 301.0
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 red 301.0
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 Not feeling well 005.0
 Numbness of extremities 420.0

 Obesity 010.0
 Obsession 827.0
 Oily
 hair 124.0
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 Old age 065.0
 Overactivity
 adult 805.0
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 Oversize
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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
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 knee 400.0

Pain—Con.

left quadrant 540.0
lips 505.0
lower quadrant 540.0
mouth 510.0
nonspecific 013.0
over heart 322.0
pelvic 660.0
penis 631.0
rectal 560.0
respiratory 322.0
retrosternal 322.0
rib 322.0
right quadrant 540.0
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sternal 322.0
testicle 621.0
throat 520.0
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coitus 661.0
erection 621.0
tongue 525.0
umbilicus 126.0
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Paleness 212.0

Pallor 212.0

Palpitation 200.0

Panic 800.0

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Paralysis of extremities, partial or complete
420.0

Passed out 214.0

Passed stones 620.0

Peeling skin 120.0

Pelvis pelvic

relaxed 660.0
sensation of dropping 660.0
symptoms of 660.0

Penis

pain 631.0
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Phlegm

bloody 320.0
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Phlegm—Con.

excessive 320.0
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Phobias 801.0

Photo-

phobia 701.0
sensitivity 112.0

Physiological development, lack of 009.0

Physical therapy 911.0

Pigmentation

nails 122.0
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

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Popping in ear 737.0

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breathing 306.0
drinking (alcohol) 821.0
economic 941.0
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female 670.0
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 Proceedings, divorce 941.0
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 Progress visit (*see also* Visit, followup)
 specified condition 980.0
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 Psychiatric examination 902.0
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 Pulled muscle (*see* Ache and particular site)
 unspecified site 425.0
 Pulsations, Pulse
 decreased 200.0
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 skipped beat 200.0
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 Pupils unequal 708.0
 Purulent sputum 320.0
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 Rales 307.0
 Rapid
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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
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 Red, Redness
 eye 717.0
 breast 681.0
 nose 301.0
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 Referral from another physician or agency
 970.0
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 Relaxed pelvic floor 660.0
 Removal of
 IUD 932.0
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 Renewal of prescription 910.0
 Respiratory
 insufficiency 306.0
 pain 322.0
 rhythm disorders 307.0
 sighing 307.0
 sound disorders 307.0
 Restlessness 805.0
 Retching 572.0
 Retention of
 fluid 007.0
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 Retrosternal pain 322.0
 Rib pain 322.0
 Ridges, tongue 525.0
 Right quadrant pain 322.0
 Rigidity, abdominal 540.0
 Ringing in ear 731.0
 Rings on skin 104.0
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 Rough skin 120.0
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 Saliva, excessive 511.0
 Scales 120.0
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 Scratches
 eye 716.0
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 Scratchy throat 520.0
 Scrotum, pain 631.0
 Seizure 054.0
 Senility 065.0
 Sensation
 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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Sexual problem 828.0
 Shaking 050.0
 Shortness of breath 306.0
 Shots
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 Shoulder (*see* Arm and particular condition)
 Sick
 feeling 005.0
 head 056.0
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 Side of chest, pain 322.0
 Sighing respiration 307.0
 Sinus
 infection 304.0
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 Skin
 bulge 115.0
 burning 059.0
 change in color 104.0
 clammy 120.0
 cold 120.0
 inflammation 113.0
 irritation 113.0
 mass 115.0
 moles 109.0
 rash 112.0
 red 104.0
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 Sleep
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 Slow pulse 200.0
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 Smell
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 Smoking, excessive 820.0
 Smooth tongue 525.0
 Sneezing 310.0
 Sniffles 301.0
 Social maladjustments 815.0
 Sore
 glands 232.0
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 Soreness (*see* Ache and particular site)
 Sounds
 breathing 307.0
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