

Major Depressive Disorder

Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) requires documentation and coding of all applicable descriptors including episode, severity, psychotic state, and remission status depending on patient circumstances.

Documentation Requirements	
Episode:	Single or recurrent
Severity:	Mild, moderate or severe
Psychosis State:	With or without psychosis features
Remission Status:	Partial or full remission, if applicable
Best Practice:	Document long-term use of antidepressant or antipsychotic medication therapy

EMR Diagnosis Key Search Term	
Diagnosis Etiology	Diagnosis Complication
Key Search Term:	Key Search Term:
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Documentation and Reporting Guidelines

Major Depressive Disorder Status:

- Major Depression (MDD) that is in remission but still has impact on patient care, treatment, and management should be included in final assessment or impression with current status documented as “in partial or full remission” when applicable.
- Document “history of” if the MDM is historical, previously treated and no longer exists as a current problem.

Chronic Diseases

- Chronic diseases treated on an ongoing basis may be coded and reported as many times as the patient receives treatment and care for the condition(s).

Conditions that Co-exist at the time of the encounter

- Code all documented conditions that coexist at the time of the encounter and requires or affects patient care treatment or management.
- Do not code conditions that were previously treated and no longer exist.
- History codes may be used as secondary codes if the historical condition or family history has an impact on current care or influences treatment.