

What are Diagnosis Pointers?

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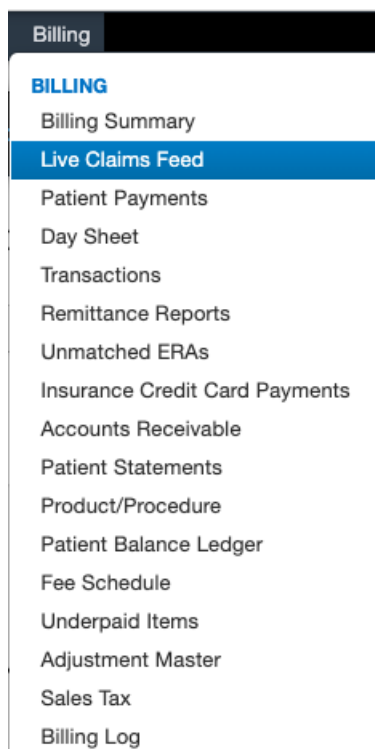
Diagnostic coding (ICD-10) translates written descriptions of diseases, illnesses, and injuries into codes from a particular classification. In medical classification, diagnosis codes are used as part of the clinical coding process alongside intervention codes.

Diagnosis pointers are used to link the Diagnosis code to a specific CPT/procedure performed.

There are two ways that you can link a Diagnosis code (ICD-10) to a CPT in DrChrono, one on the **Billing detail** screen and the other through the **Schedule calendar**. Please follow the steps outlined below.

> Option 1: To link a Diagnosis code to a CPT on the Billing detail screen:

1. Hover your cursor on Billing > Live Claims Feed.



2. Click on the appointment and it will take you to the **Billing Detail Screen**.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Info	Claim ID	Patient	Date of Service	Office	Provider	Billing Provider	Billed
Totals: \$415.00								
<input type="checkbox"/>		31702020		6/22/2016 06:45PM	Primary Office			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>		31701894		6/21/2016	Primary			\$0.00

3. Enter the ICD-10 codes and CPT codes on the appointment.

Code/Check Date	Description	Mods/Posted Date	Service Date	EPSDT	Qty/Min	Dx Pointers	Price	Billed	Allowed	Adjmt	Ins 1 paid	Ins 2 paid	Pt Paid	Ins Bal	Pt Bal	Status/Adj Type
Totals:								\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Submitted
U			From date	To date	1.00	1 0 0 0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

#	ICD-10	Description
	Add ICD-10 code	
No ICD-10 codes found for this appointment.		

4. You will be able to link a maximum of 4 primary Dx codes to one CPT as per CMS guidelines and can use a total of 12 Dx codes on an appointment.

5. To link a Dx code to a particular CPT enter the position of the Dx on the Dx Pointers field corresponding to that CPT as mentioned in the below screenshot.

#	ICD-10	Description	Line Item
	Add ICD-10 code		
1	Z00.8	Encounter for other general examination	
2	M54.5	Low back pain	

#	ICD-9 to Convert	Description
	Add ICD-9 code	
No ICD-9 codes found for this appointment.		

Code/Check Date	Description	Mods/Posted Date	Service Date	EPSDT	Qty/Min	Dx Pointers	Price
Totals:							
U			From date	To date	1.00	1 0 0 0	0

> Option 2: To link a Diagnosis code to a CPT through a schedule calendar:

1. On Schedule > Calendar Click on the appointment > Billing Tab.

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2. Enter the ICD-10 codes and CPT codes on the appointment.

3. To link a Dx code to a particular CPT enter the position of the Dx on the Dx Pointers field corresponding to that CPT as mentioned in the screenshot.

ICD-10 Codes Enter the Dx codes and select from the dropdown. Find Diagnosis codes

#	Code	Description
1	A01.1	Paratyphoid fever A
2	A19.0	Acute miliary tuberculosis of a single specified site
3	A00.0	Cholera due to <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> 01, biovar cholerae

ICD-9 Codes to Convert Find Diagnosis codes

#	Code	Description
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NDC Codes Find NDC Codes

NDC Code	Quantity	Units	Line Item
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Custom Codes Find Custom Procedure codes

Code	Description	Price (\$)
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CPT Codes Enter the CPT codes and select from the dropdown. Find CPT Procedure codes

Code	Description	Price (\$)
1 99213	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT EST	210.00
Allowed: \$0.00 Modifiers: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Quantity/Minutes: 1 Diagnosis Pointers: 1:2:3:0		
2 99214	OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT EST	0
Modifiers: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Quantity/Minutes: 1 Diagnosis Pointers: 1:2:0:0		

HCPCS Codes Find HCPCS Procedure codes

Code	Description	Price (\$)
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4. Click on Save.

Limit on diagnosis codes transmitted:

The first 12 diagnoses entered will be transmitted to the payer on the patient's claim. You can enter additional diagnosis codes if they apply, however, only the first 12 will be transmitted.