

ICD-10 Codes for Orthodontics

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This document is meant to provide general information on diagnostic coding, specifically coding using the ICD-10 code set. Proper and accurate diagnostic coding is important to both provide data to third-party payers and public entities but also to provide proper remuneration for the therapeutic procedures (CDT or CPT codes) used to address those diagnosed conditions. The World Health Organization (WHO) website has an online training tool (WHO website link- <http://apps.who.int/classifications/apps/icd/icd10training/>) and there are multiple private vendors offering ICD-10 coding instruction, albeit generally aimed at the larger general medical audience.

This guide is meant to provide a general overview of the ICD-10 codes and how to use them. It is NOT an exhaustive guide and should not be considered necessarily authoritative or up to date.

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- ICD-10 codes consist of a minimum of three characters and a maximum of seven, in the following order of character: 1) Capital letter A-Z except U (not used), 2) number, 3) number, 4) number or letter, capital or lowercase, 5) number or letter, capital or lowercase, 6) number or letter, capital or lowercase, 7) number or letter, capital or lowercase- only used in certain specific cases.
- Please refer to the ICD-10 codes the AAO has collected (which will most commonly be used in the provision of orthodontic services) for the following explanations of the code.
- The first character of the code is always a capital letter and denotes the general category or conditions grouped together by the WHO. Note in the AAO list we have grouped categories together under a larger heading (i.e. **Pain, Larynx**) which usually will all have the same first letter but not necessarily (note the **Pain** group contains three WHO categories- **G- Diseases of the Nervous System, H- Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa** and **M- Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue**), since we have taken the liberty of grouping various diagnoses together so they may be more easily located. You will notice the most commonly used diagnoses for orthodontists will be within the categories **M (Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue)** and **K (Diseases of the Digestive System)**. There are also a large number of **Q (Congenital Malformations, Deformations, and Chromosomal Abnormalities)** and **S codes (Injury, Poisoning, and Certain Other Consequences of External Causes - which actually includes T codes too)**.
- To see how typical codes are displayed, see the ones under "**Migraine**"-- note they all begin with "**G43**" which generally describes migraines, but then the next numeral, after the "." further describes the type of migraine- with a "**0**" being those without an aura. The following one or two numerals further describe the specific type of migraine without an aura. Looking at perhaps a more familiar set of diagnostic conditions we orthodontists are familiar with, let us take the **K** codes: **K00 - K14** are reserved for diseases of the oral cavity and salivary glands. So note the **K00** codes all describe disorders of tooth development and eruption (except for "embedded and

impacted teeth” which are **K01**), while the **K02** codes describe caries, with the numerals after the “.” defining first the location with the second numeral the extent of the caries.

- For orthodontics, the **M26 (Anomalies of dental relationship)** codes will almost universally be used on every one of our patients, since they encompass all the forms of “malocclusion”. It is important when coding to specify, as closely as possible, the patient’s situation – that is it is not appropriate to simply code all one’s patients as **M26.20** (Unspecified anomaly of dental arch relationship) or **M26.4** (Malocclusion, unspecified). These codes are only to be used if either none of the other codes are appropriate or, due to the circumstances, one cannot determine the more specific category.
- Also, when coding, it is important to list ALL codes relevant to the accompanying procedure, with the most “significant” code(s) listed first. For instance, if one were going to bill for the comprehensive orthodontic treatment of a Class II anterior openbite patient with an impacted canine, crowding and midlines off one would code **M26.212**, **M26.220**, **K00.6**, **M26.31**, and **M26.29**. As you can see from this example, although the CDT Procedure Code for this case would be simply **D8080** (in the adolescent dentition) this would clearly be a more challenging case than one coded simply **M26.212** without the other orthodontic issues. Also, any interested third parties could clearly glean more information from these diagnostic codes compared to what could be obtained from the Procedure codes.

As the ICD-10 codes are continuously updated the AAO will endeavor to keep this list current, so it is wise to consult this code list at least periodically. The AAO has also endeavored to provide staff support for ICD-10 implementation coding by members, who may contact Ann Sebaugh at 314-993-1700, ext. 582 or 1-800-424-2841 or at asebaugh@aaortho.org.

ICD-10 Codes for Orthodontics

Orthodontic exam and evaluation

Encounter for other specified special examinations	Z01.89
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Pain

Spasmodic torticollis	G24.3
Idiopathic Orofacial dystonia (Orofacial dyskinesia)	G24.4
Vascular headache, not elsewhere classified	G44.1
Tension-type headache, unspecified, intractable	G44.201
Tension-type headache, unspec., not intractable	G44.209
Episodic tension-type headache, intractable	G44.211
Episodic tension-type headache, not intractable	G44.219
Chronic tension-type headache, intractable	G44.221
Chronic tension-type headache, not intractable	G44.229
Trigeminal neuralgia	G50.0
Atypical face pain	G50.1
Ocular pain, unspecified eye	H57.10
Ocular pain, right eye	H57.11
Ocular pain, left eye	H57.12
Ocular pain, bilateral	H57.13
Arthralgia of the temporomandibular joint	M26.62
Cervicalgia	M54.2
Myalgia	M79.1
Neuralgia and neuritis, unspecified	M79.2

Migraine

(always check with patient's primary care provider for which migraine code applies)

Migraine without aura, not intractable, with status migrainosus	G43.001
Migraine without aura, not intractable, without status migrainosus	G43.009
Migraine without aura, intractable, with status migrainosus	G43.011
Migraine without aura, intractable, without status migrainosus	G43.019
Migraine with aura, not intractable, with status migrainosus	G43.101
Migraine with aura, not intractable, without status migrainosus	G43.109
Migraine with aura, not intractable, with status migrainosus	G43.111
Migraine with aura, intractable, without status migrainosus	G43.119
Chronic migraine without aura, not intractable, with status migrainosus	G43.701
Chronic migraine without aura, not intractable, without status migrainosus	G43.719
Other migraine, not intractable, with status migrainosus	G43.801
Other migraine, not intractable, without status migrainosus	G43.809
Other migraine, intractable, with status migrainosus	G43.811
Other migraine, intractable, without status migrainosus	G43.819
Vascular headache, not elsewhere classified	G44.1

Sleep Apnea

Sleep Apnea, unspecified	G47.30
Primary central sleep apnea	G47.31
Obstructive sleep apnea	G47.33
Idiopathic sleep related nonobstructive alveolar hypoventilation	G47.34
Congenital central alveolar hypoventilation Syndrome	G47.35
Other sleep apnea	G47.39
Sleep related bruxism	G47.63
Other sleep disorders	G47.8
Sleep disorder, unspecified	G47.9

Nerve Disorders

Other disorders of trigeminal nerve	G50.8
Disorder of trigeminal nerve, unspecified	G50.9
Other disorders of facial nerve	G51.8
Disorder of facial nerve, unspecified	G51.9
Disorders of glossopharyngeal nerve	G52.1

Disorders of the Ears

Otalgia, right ear	H92.01
Otalgia, left ear	H92.02
Otalgia, bilateral	H92.03
Otalgia, unspecified ear	H92.09
Tinnitus, right ear	H93.11
Tinnitus, left ear	H93.12
Tinnitus, bilateral	H93.13
Tinnitus, unspecified ear	H93.19

Larynx

Laryngeal spasm	J38.5
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Anomalies of jaw-cranial base relationship

Unspecified anomaly of jaw-cranial base relationship	M26.10
Maxillary asymmetry	M26.11
Other jaw asymmetry	M26.12
Other specified anomalies of jaw-cranial base relationship	M26.19

Anomalies of dental arch relationship

Unspecified anomaly of dental arch relationship	M26.20
Malocclusion, Angle's class I	M26.211
Malocclusion, Angle's class II	M26.212
Malocclusion, Angle's class III	M26.213
Malocclusion, Angle's class, unspecified	M26.219
Open anterior occlusal relationship (anterior openbite)	M26.220
Open posterior occlusal relationship (posterior openbite)	M26.221
Excessive horizontal overlap (overjet)	M26.23
Reverse articulation, crossbite (anterior or posterior)	M26.24
Anomalies of interarch distance	M26.25
Other anomalies of dental arch relationship Midline deviation of dental arch Overbite (excessive) deep, horizontal, or vertical Posterior lingual occlusion of mand. teeth	M26.29

Anomalies of tooth position

Unspecified anomaly of tooth position of fully erupted tooth or teeth	M26.30
Crowding of fully erupted teeth	M26.31
Excessive spacing of fully erupted teeth (diastema)	M26.32
Horizontal displacement of fully erupted tooth or teeth	M26.33
Vertical displacement of fully erupted tooth or teeth	M26.34
Rotation of fully erupted tooth or teeth	M26.35
Insufficient interocclusal distance of fully erupted teeth (ridge)	M26.36
Excessive interocclusal distance of fully erupted teeth	M26.37
Other anomalies of tooth position of fully erupted tooth or teeth	M26.39

Other congenital malformations of skull and face bones

Congenital malformation of face and neck, unspecified	Q18.9
Cleft hard palate	Q35.1
Cleft soft palate	Q35.3
Cleft hard palate with cleft soft palate	Q35.5
Cleft palate, unspecified	Q35.9
Cleft hard palate with bilateral cleft lip	Q37.0
Cleft hard palate with unilateral cleft lip	Q37.1
Cleft soft palate with bilateral cleft lip	Q37.2
Cleft soft palate with unilateral cleft lip	Q37.3
Cleft hard and soft palate with bilateral cleft lip	Q37.4
Cleft hard and soft palate with unilateral cleft lip	Q37.5
Unspecified cleft palate with bilateral cleft lip	Q37.8
Unspecified cleft palate with unilateral cleft lip	Q37.9
Congenital malformations of palate, not elsewhere classified	Q38.5
Other congenital malformations of mouth	Q38.6
Other congenital deformities of skull, face, and jaw	Q67.4
Cleidocranial dysostosis/Oculoauricular Dysplasia/OAV	Q74.0
Craniosynostosis, Pierre Robin Sequence	Q75.0
Craniofacial dysostosis	Q75.1
Hypertelorism	Q75.2

Macrocephaly	Q75.3
Mandibulofacial dysostosis Treacher Collins Syndrome	Q75.4
Oculomandibular dysostosis	Q75.5
Other specified congenital malformations of skull and face bones	Q75.8
Congenital malformation of skull and face bones, unspecified	Q75.9

Other specified congenital malformation syndromes affecting multiple systems

Congenital malformation syndromes predominately affecting multiple systems Apert's Syndrome (Acrocephalosyndactyly) Pfeiffer Syndrome (Acrocephalosyndactyly)	Q87.0
Noonan Syndrome	Q87.1

Turner's Syndrome

Karyotype 45.X	Q96.0
Karyotype 46.X iso (Xq)	Q96.1
Karyotype 46, X with abnormal sex chromosome, except iso (Xq)	Q96.2
Mosaicism, 45,X/46, XX or XY	Q96.3
Mosaicism, 45, X/other cell line(s) with abnormal sex chromosomes	Q96.4
Other variants of Turner's Syndrome	Q96.8
Turner's Syndrome, unspecified	Q96.9

Dislocation of jaw

Dislocation of jaw, initial encounter	S03.0XXA
Dislocation of jaw, subsequent encounter	S03.0XXD
Dislocation of jaw, sequel	S03.0XXS

Strains and sprains

Sprain of jaw, initial encounter	S03.4XXA
Sprain of jaw, subsequent encounter	S03.4XXD
Sprain of jaw, sequela	S03.4XXS

Miscellaneous

Acromegaly and pituitary gigantism	E22.0
Hypopituitarism (growth hormone deficiency)	E23.0
Myoclonus	G25.3
Glossodynia	K14.6
Systemic lupus erythematosus, organ or system involvement unspecified	M32.10
Ankylosing spondylitis of unspecified sites in spine	M45.9
Torticollis	M43.6
Dizziness, (light-headedness)	R42

Diseases of Oral Cavity and Sinuses

Anodontia (missing teeth)	K00.0
Hyperdontia (supernumerary teeth)	K00.1
Abnormalities of size and form	K00.2
Mottled teeth	K00.3
Disturbances of tooth formation	K00.4
Hereditary disturbances in tooth structure, not elsewhere classified	K00.5
Disturbance of tooth eruption	K00.6
Other specified disorder of tooth development and eruption	K00.8
Unspecified disorder of tooth development and eruption	K00.9
Dental caries on pit and fissure surface limited to enamel	K02.51
Dental caries on pit and fissure surface penetrating into dentin	K02.52
Dental caries on pit and fissure surface penetrating into pulp	K02.53
Dental caries on smooth surface limited to enamel	K02.61
Dental caries on smooth surface penetrating into dentin	K02.62
Dental caries on smooth surface penetrating into pulp	K02.63
Dental root caries	K02.7
Dental caries, unspecified	K02.9
Ankylosis of teeth	K03.5
Hypercementosis	K03.4
Ankylosis of teeth	K03.5
Other specified diseases of hard tissues of teeth	K03.9
Acute gingivitis, plaque induced	K05.00
Acute gingivitis, non-plaque induced	K05.01
Chronic gingivitis, plaque induced	K05.10
Chronic gingivitis, non-plaque induced	K05.11
Aggressive gingivitis, plaque induced	K05.20
Aggressive gingivitis, non-plaque induced	K05.21
Aggressive gingivitis, generalized	K05.22
Chronic periodontitis, unspecified	K05.30
Chronic periodontitis, localized	K05.31
Chronic periodontitis, generalized	K05.32
Periodontitis, juvenile periodontitis	K05.4
Other periodontal diseases	K05.5
Periodontal diseases, unspecified	K05.6
Gingival recession	K06.0
Gingival enlargement	K06.1
Disorder of gingiva and edentulous alveolar ridge, unspecified	K06.9

Loss of Teeth

Exfoliation of teeth due to systemic causes	K08.0
Partial loss of teeth, unspecified cause, class I	K08.401
Partial loss of teeth, unspecified cause, class II	K08.402
Partial loss of teeth, unspecified cause, class III	K08.403
Partial loss of teeth, unspecified cause, class IV	K08.404
Partial loss of teeth, unspecified cause, unspecified class	K08.409
Partial loss of teeth, due to trauma, class I	K08.411
Partial loss of teeth, due to trauma, class II	K08.412
Partial loss of teeth, due to trauma, class III	K08.413
Partial loss of teeth, due to trauma, class IV	K08.414

Partial loss of teeth, due to trauma, unspecified class	K08.419
Partial loss of teeth, due to periodontal disease, class I	K08.211
Partial loss of teeth, due to periodontal disease, class II	K08.422
Partial loss of teeth, due to periodontal disease, class III	K08.423
Partial loss of teeth, due to periodontal disease, Class IV	K08.424

Partial loss of teeth, due to periodontal disease, Unspecified class	K08.429
Partial loss of teeth, due to caries, class I	K08.431
Partial loss of teeth, due to caries, class II	K08.432
Partial loss of teeth, due to caries, class III	K08.433
Partial loss of teeth, due to caries, class IV	K08.434
Partial loss of teeth, due to caries, unspecified class	K08.439

Dentofacial Anomalies

Major anomalies of jaw size

Unspecified anomaly of jaw size	M26.00
Maxillary hyperplasia	M26.01
Maxillary hypoplasia	M26.02
Mandibular hyperplasia	M26.03
Mandibular hypoplasia	M26.04
Macrogenia	M26.05
Microgenia	M26.06
Excessive tuberosity of jaw (entire maxillary tuberosity)	M26.07
Other specified anomalies of jaw size	M26.09

Dentofacial functional abnormalities

Dentofacial functional abnormalities, unspecified	M26.50
Abnormal jaw closure	M26.51
Limited mandibular range of motion	M26.52
Deviation in opening and closing mandible	M26.53
Insufficient anterior guidance	M26.54
Centric occlusion maximum intercuspation discrepancy	M26.55
Non-working side interference	M26.56
Lack of posterior occlusal support	M26.57
Other dentofacial functional abnormalities	M26.59

Temporomandibular joint disorders

Temporomandibular joint disorder, unspecified	M26.60
Adhesions and ankylosis of temporomandibular joint	M26.61
Arthralgia of temporomandibular joint	M26.62
Articular disc disorder of temporomandibular joint	M26.63
Other specified disorders of temporomandibular joint	M26.69

Dental alveolar anomalies

Unspecified alveolar anomaly	M26.70
Alveolar maxillary hyperplasia	M26.71
Alveolar mandibular hyperplasia	M26.72
Alveolar maxillary hypoplasia	M26.73
Alveolar mandibular hypoplasia	M26.74
Other specified alveolar anomalies	M26.79
Anterior soft tissue impingement	M26.81
Posterior soft tissue impingement	M26.82
Other dentofacial anomalies	M26.89
Dentofacial anomaly, unspecified	M26.9

Other diseases of jaws

Developmental disorders of jaws	M27.0
Inflammatory conditions of jaws	M27.2
Other specified diseases of jaws	M27.8
Diseases of jaw, unspecified	M27.9

Down's Syndrome

Contact patient's primary care provider to determine the correct code	Q90 codes
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Arthritis and other diseases

Rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified	M06.9
Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified site	M08.00
Lyme disease, unspecified	A69.20
Psoriatic arthritis mutilans	L40.52
Psoriatic juvenile arthropathy	L40.54
Other psoriatic arthropathy	L40.59

Disorders of Synovium, Tendon, Bursa

Synovitis and tenosynovitis, unspecified	M65.9
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Disorders of Muscle, Ligament, Fascia, Soft Tissue

Disorder of ligament, unspecified site	M24.20
Hypermobility syndrome	M35.7
Myositis, unspecified	M60.9
Contracture of muscle, unspecified site	M62.40
Muscle weakness (generalized)	M62.81
Other muscle spasm	M62.838
Myalgia	M79.1

S02 Codes below are listed with A, but use the letters above when applicable

Fracture of nasal bones, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.2XXA
Fracture of nasal bones, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.2XXB
Malar fracture unspecified, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.400A
Malar fracture, unspecified, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.400B
Maxillary fracture, unspecified, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.401A
Maxillary fracture, unspecified, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.401B
Fracture of zygoma bones, unspecified, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.402A
Fracture of zygoma bones, unspecified, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.402B
LaForte I fracture, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.411A
LaForte I fracture, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.411B
LaForte II fracture, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.412A
LaForte II fracture, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.412B
LaForte III fracture, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.413A
LaForte III fracture, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.413B
Fracture of alveolus of maxilla, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.42XA
Fracture of alveolus of maxilla, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.42XB
Fracture of unspecified part of body of mandible, initial encounter, closed	S02.600A
Fracture of unspecified part of body of mandible, initial encounter, open	S02.600B
Fracture of mandible, unspecified, initial encounter, closed	S02.609A
Fracture of mandible, unspecified, initial encounter, open	S02.609B
Fracture of condylar process of mandible, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.61XA
Fracture of condylar process of mandible, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.61XB
Fracture of subcondylar process of mandible, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.62XA
Fracture of subcondylar process of mandible, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.62XB
Fracture of coronoid process of mandible, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.63XA
Fracture of coronoid process of mandible, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.63XB
Fracture of ramus of mandible, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.64XA
Fracture of ramus of mandible, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.64XB
Fracture of angle of mandible, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.65XA
Fracture of angle of mandible, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.65XB
Fracture of symphysis of mandible, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.66XA
Fracture of symphysis of mandible, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.66XB
Fracture of alveolus of mandible, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.67XA
Fracture of alveolus of mandible, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.67XB
Fracture of mandible of other specified site, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.69XB
Fracture of other specified skull bones, initial encounter for closed fracture	S02.8XXA
Fracture of other specified skull bones, initial encounter for open fracture	S02.8XXB
Fracture of unspecified skull and facial bones, initial encounter, closed	S02.91XA
Fracture of unspecified skull and facial bones, initial encounter, open	S02.91XB
Unspecified fracture of facial bones, initial encounter, closed	S02.92XA
Unspecified fracture of facial bones, initial encounter, open	S02.92XB

Fractures (If codes have less than 5 digits, follow with an x as a placeholder. A is shown in the codes below for initial encounter, otherwise use D for subsequent encounter, S for sequela when applicable, G for subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing, K for subsequent encounter with nonunion) (follow example of dislocation of jaw codes below) (A fracture not indicated in the patient record as open or closed should be coded to closed)