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# Major Diagnostic Category

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The **Major Diagnostic Categories** (MDC) are formed by dividing all possible principal diagnoses (from **ICD-9-CM**) into 25 mutually exclusive diagnosis areas. MDC codes, like **diagnosis-related group** (DRG) codes, are primarily a claims and administrative data element unique to the **United States** medical care reimbursement system. DRG codes also are mapped, or grouped, into MDC codes.

The diagnoses in each MDC correspond to a single organ system or cause and, in general, are associated with a particular medical specialty. MDC 1 to MDC 23 are grouped according to principal diagnoses. Patients are assigned to MDC 24 (Multiple Significant **Trauma**) with at least two significant trauma diagnosis codes (either as principal or secondaries) from different body site categories. Patients assigned to MDC 25 (**HIV** Infections) must have a principal diagnosis of an HIV Infection or a principal diagnosis of a significant HIV related condition and a secondary diagnosis of an HIV Infection.

MDC 0, unlike the others, can be reached from a number of diagnosis/procedure situations, all related to transplants. This is due to the expense involved for the transplants so designated and because these transplants can be needed for a number of reasons which do not all come from one diagnosis domain. DRGs which reach MDC 0 are assigned to the MDC for the principal diagnosis instead of to the MDC associated with the designated DRG.

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0	Pre-MDC	001 - 017
1	Diseases and Disorders of the Nervous System	020 - 103
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<b>3</b>	Diseases and Disorders of the Ear, Nose, Mouth And Throat	129 - 159
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<b>9</b>	Diseases and Disorders of the Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue And Breast	573 - 607
<b>10</b>	Diseases and Disorders of the Endocrine, Nutritional And Metabolic System	614 - 645
<b>11</b>	Diseases and Disorders of the Kidney And Urinary Tract	652 - 700
<b>12</b>	Diseases and Disorders of the Male Reproductive System	707 - 730
<b>13</b>	Diseases and Disorders of the Female Reproductive System	734 - 761
<b>14</b>	Pregnancy, Childbirth And Puerperium	765 - 782
<b>15</b>	Newborn And Other Neonates (Perinatal Period)	789 - 795
<b>16</b>	Diseases and Disorders of the Blood and Blood Forming Organs and Immunological Disorders	799 - 816
<b>17</b>	Myeloproliferative DDs (Poorly Differentiated	820 - 849


	Neoplasms)	
18	Infectious and Parasitic DDs (Systemic or unspecified sites)	853 - 872
19	Mental Diseases and Disorders	876 - 887
20	Alcohol/Drug Use or Induced Mental Disorders	894 - 897
21	Injuries, Poison And Toxic Effect of Drugs	901 - 923
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25	Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection	969 - 977
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- [Utah Department of Health - description of MDC](#)

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