Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) I73.9

Overview:
Peripheral vascular disease (I73.9) may be recommended when:
• An ankle-brachial index (ABI) is ≤0.90.
  or
• Moderate or severe stenosis is noted on imaging or angiography.
  or
• Imaging or angiography defines the stenosis as mild (or does not define the severity) and the patient has other atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, history of atherosclerotic TIA/Stroke, CAD, claudication

Note: Radiology may use synonyms for atherosclerosis: plaque, calcification

PEARL:
When possible, try to assign specific ICD-10 codes based on laterality and presence of symptoms

Sample documentation of assessment/Plan

• Peripheral vascular disease- bilateral leg pain with exertion, abnormal ABI.
• Encourage smoking cessation.
• Start aspirin.
• Referral to vascular surgeon ordered.

Resources:
www.visualdx.com/visualdx/diagnosis/peripheral+arterial+disease?diagnosisid=50179&moduleId=101; Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) of Lower Extremities (dynamed.com); Up to Date, Clinical features and diagnosis of lower extremity peripheral artery disease; Merck Manual, Peripheral Arterial Disease