Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) I73.9

Overview:
Peripheral vascular disease (I73.9) may be recommended when:
- An ankle-brachial index (ABI) is ≤0.90.
- Moderate or severe stenosis is noted on imaging or angiography.
- 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, or claudication.

Pearls:
- When possible, try to assign specific ICD-10 codes based on laterality and presence of symptoms.
- Radiology may use synonyms for atherosclerosis, such as plaque or calcification.
- Other synonyms for PVD can include peripheral artery disease (PAD) and claudication in peripheral vascular disease.

Sample documentation of assessment/plan:
- Peripheral vascular disease-bilateral leg pain with exertion, abnormal ABI. Encourage smoking cessation. Start aspirin. Refer to vascular surgeon.