

Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) I73.9

Diagnosis 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, or claudication.

Documentation Tips and Examples:

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

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](#)

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