

# Amputations and Acquired Absences

Acquired absence of a limb identifies patients who have had a previous amputation due to disease or injury. This category covers acquired absence of part or all of a limb, and patients who have lost a limb may require ongoing care, such as fitting of prosthetics. Acquired absence of an organ results from surgical removal of a diseased organ or from traumatic injury that requires removal of the damaged organ.

## ICD-10 CODES

<b>Z89.01-</b> Acquired absence of thumb	<b>Z89.9</b> Acquired absence of limb, unspecified
<b>Z89.02-</b> Acquired absence of other finger(s)	<b>Z90.01</b> Acquired absence of eye
<b>Z89.11-</b> Acquired absence of hand	<b>Z90.02</b> Acquired absence of larynx
<b>Z89.12-</b> Acquired absence of wrist	<b>Z90.09</b> Acquired absence of other part of head and neck
<b>Z89.20-</b> Acquired absence of upper limb	<b>Z90.10</b> Acquired absence of unspecified breast and nipple
<b>Z89.21-</b> Acquired absence of upper limb below elbow	<b>Z90.11</b> Acquired absence of right breast and nipple
<b>Z89.22-</b> Acquired absence of upper limb above elbow	<b>Z90.12</b> Acquired absence of left breast and nipple
<b>Z89.23-</b> Acquired absence of shoulder	<b>Z90.13</b> Acquired absence of bilateral breasts and nipples
<b>Z89.41-</b> Acquired absence of great toe	<b>Z90.2</b> Acquired absence of lung [part of]
<b>Z89.42-</b> Acquired absence of other toe(s)	<b>Z90.3</b> Acquired absence of stomach [part of]
<b>Z89.43-</b> Acquired absence of foot	<b>Z90.410</b> Acquired absence of total pancreas
<b>Z89.44-</b> Acquired absence of ankle	<b>Z90.411</b> Acquired absence of partial pancreas
<b>Z89.51-</b> Acquired absence of leg below knee	<b>Z90.49</b> Acquired absence of other specified parts of digestive tract
<b>Z89.52-</b> Acquired absence of knee	<b>Z90.5</b> Acquired absence of kidney
<b>Z89.61-</b> Acquired absence of leg above knee	<b>Z90.6</b> Acquired absence of other parts of urinary tract
<b>Z89.62-</b> Acquired absence of hip joint	<b>Z90.710</b> Acquired absence of both cervix and uterus
	<b>Z90.711</b> Acquired absence of uterus with remaining cervical stump
	<b>Z90.712</b> Acquired absence of cervix with remaining uterus
	<b>Z90.721</b> Acquired absence of ovaries, unilateral
	<b>Z90.722</b> Acquired absence of ovaries, bilateral
	<b>Z90.79</b> Acquired absence of other genital organ(s)
	<b>Z90.81</b> Acquired absence of spleen
	<b>Z90.89</b> Acquired absence of other organs

Above codes require a final digit for laterality.  
 1= right  
 2= left  
 3= unspecified

## DOCUMENTATION ACRONYMS

### DEEP Diagnosis Elements

Include elements of DEEP in documentation to clinically support amputations and acquired absences.

**Diagnosis:** History of rt BKA

**Evidence:** Rt lower extremity terminates just below knee, stump looks well healed without ulcer, no complaints of pain

**Evaluation:** Acquired absence of right leg below knee

**Plan:** Continue use of prosthetic and monitor for any skin symptoms

### Final Assessment Details

Include DSP for each addressed condition impacting treatment and patient care.

#### Diagnosis

##### Amputation

- By type
- Laterality
- Cause

##### Acquired absence

- Specified organ(s)
- Cause

#### Status

- Complications (if any)
- Healing progression

#### Plan

- Amputation
  - Assistance devices
  - Physical therapy
  - Prosthetics
  - Precipitating factor control
- Absence
  - Hormone replacement
  - Medical management
  - Precipitating factor control

### BEST PRACTICES & TIPS

- **Specificity is key!** Always indicate the location of amputation or absence, the specific cause that necessitated the removal, and any active complications.
- The documentation of a “history of” status is **acceptable** for an amputation or acquired absence, as these are not active conditions.
- It is best practice to ensure amputations and absences are consistently documented in both surgical history, as well as physical exams.
- If an underlying cause was **resolved by the organ or limb removal** it is important to document this as a personal history along with the removal status.
- Confirmation should be found within the documentation to represent the **cause and effect** relationship between the secondary condition that attributed to the limb or organ removal . Language to help show this relationship may include, 'due to,' 'secondary to,' or 'associated with.'
- Presence of a prosthesis or use of assistance devices, as well as any post-surgical complications, should be clearly documented to show **evidence** of the absence along with the patient's debility status.
- Clearly document a plan and incorporate any physical therapy, DME fittings, pharmacological management, or other patient accommodations a necessary.



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