

CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION

Pregnancy: Childbirth

Clinical documentation in labor and delivery involves meticulously recording a patient's medical history, vital signs, labor progress, interventions, and the delivery outcome. This documentation should be accurate, timely, and include relevant details like medication administration, fetal monitoring data, and any procedures performed.

ICD-10 CODE CATEGORIES

- Preterm labor
- Failed Induction
- Delayed and Prolonged labor
- Obstructed labor
- Failed Labor
- Hemorrhage
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- Lacerations and Pelvic damage
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- Amniotic complications
- Maternal delivery complications
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- Acute embolisms
- Pregnancy related conditions
- Outcome of delivery

BEST PRACTICES & TIPS

- **Specificity is key!** Always indicate the weeks gestation, delivery date, any complications, and use verbiage to specify the type of delivery.
- **Complete documentation** is considered when all health factors, concurrent diseases, gestational age, labor events and interventions, and delivery outcomes are addressed.
- When documenting a delivery be sure to **document all events and interventions** to get a complete picture of the outcome of both mother and baby.
- DSP should be applied for pregnancy **as well as** for the resulting outcome. Maternal and fetal health status should be apparent by identifying the weeks gestation as well as any pregnancy events and conditions.
- High risk pregnancy is **not appropriate** to document for a delivery encounter or postpartum.
- **Confirmation** should be found within the documentation representing the complications of the pregnancy, delivery and the resulting outcome.

ICD-10 CODES

Preterm labor:

Final digit for codes below represents the fetus number	
0: Single gestation only	4: Fetus 4
1: Fetus 1	5: Fetus 5
2: Fetus 2	9: Other Fetus
3: Fetus 3	

- O60.12X-** Preterm labor second trimester with preterm delivery second trimester
O60.13X- Preterm labor second trimester with preterm delivery third trimester
O60.14X- Preterm labor third trimester with preterm delivery third trimester
O60.22X- Term delivery with preterm labor, second trimester
O60.23X- Term delivery with preterm labor, third trimester

Failed Induction:

- O61.0** Failed medical induction of labor
O61.1 Failed instrumental induction of labor
O61.8 Other failed induction of labor
O61.9 Failed induction of labor, unspecified

Delayed and Prolonged labor:

- O62.0** Primary inadequate contractions
O62.1 Secondary uterine inertia
O62.2 Other uterine inertia
O62.3 Precipitate labor
O62.4 Hypertonic, incoordinate, and prolonged contractions
O62.8 Other abnormalities of forces of labor
O62.9 Abnormality of forces of labor, unspecified
O63.0 Prolonged first stage (of labor)
O63.1 Prolonged second stage (of labor)
O63.2 Delayed delivery of second twin, triplet, etc.
O63.9 Long labor, unspecified

Obstructed labor due to:

Final digit for codes below represents the fetus number	
0: Single gestation only	4: Fetus 4
1: Fetus 1	5: Fetus 5
2: Fetus 2	9: Other Fetus
3: Fetus 3	

- O64.0XX-** incomplete rotation of fetal head
O64.1XX- breech presentation
O64.3XX- brow presentation
O64.4XX- shoulder presentation
O64.5XX- compound presentation
O64.8XX- other malposition and malpresentation
O64.9XX- malposition and malpresentation
O65.0 deformed pelvis
O65.1 generally contracted pelvis
O65.2 pelvic inlet contraction
O65.3 pelvic outlet and mid-cavity contraction
O65.4 fetopelvic disproportion, unspecified
O65.5 abnormality of maternal pelvic organs
O65.8 other maternal pelvic abnormalities

- O66.0** shoulder dystocia
O66.1 locked twins
O66.2 unusually large fetus
O66.3 other abnormalities of fetus
O66.6 Obstructed labor due to other multiple fetuses
O66.8 Other specified obstructed labor

Failed Labor:

- O66.40** Failed trial of labor, unspecified
O66.41 Failed VBAC
O66.5 Attempted vacuum extractor and forceps

Hemorrhage:

- O67.0** Intrapartum hemorrhage with coagulation defect
O67.8 Other intrapartum hemorrhage
O72.0 Third-stage hemorrhage
O72.1 Other immediate postpartum hemorrhage
O72.2 Delayed and secondary postpartum hemorrhage
O72.3 Postpartum coagulation defects

Cord complications:

Final digit for codes below represents the fetus number	
0: Single gestation only	4: Fetus 4
1: Fetus 1	5: Fetus 5
2: Fetus 2	9: Other Fetus
3: Fetus 3	

- O69.0XX-** Delivery complicated by prolapse of cord
O69.1XX- Delivery complicated by cord around neck, with compression
O69.2XX- Delivery complicated by other cord entanglement, with compression
O69.3XX- Delivery complicated by short cord
O69.4XX- Delivery complicated by vasa previa
O69.5XX- Delivery complicated by vascular lesion of cord
O69.81X- Delivery complicated by cord around neck
O69.82X- Delivery complicated by other cord entanglement, without compression
O69.89X Delivery complicated by other cord complications

Lacerations and Pelvic damage:

- O70.0** First degree perineal laceration during delivery
O70.1 Second degree perineal laceration during delivery
O70.20 Third degree perineal laceration during delivery, unspecified
O70.21 Third degree perineal laceration during delivery, IIIa
O70.22 Third degree perineal laceration during delivery, IIIb
O70.23 Third degree perineal laceration during delivery, IIIc
O70.3 Fourth degree perineal laceration during delivery
O70.4 Anal sphincter tear not associated with third degree laceration
O70.9 Perineal laceration during delivery, unspecified
O71.00 Rupture of uterus before onset of labor, unspecified trimester
O71.02 Rupture of uterus before onset of labor, second trimester
O71.03 Rupture of uterus before onset of labor, third trimester
O71.1 Rupture of uterus during labor
O71.2 Postpartum inversion of uterus



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- O71.3** Obstetric laceration of cervix
- O71.4** Obstetric high vaginal laceration alone
- O71.5** Other obstetric injury to pelvic organs
- O71.6** Obstetric damage to pelvic joints and ligaments
- O71.7** Obstetric hematoma of pelvis
- O71.81** Laceration of uterus, not elsewhere classified
- O71.82** Other specified trauma to perineum and vulva
- O71.89** Other specified obstetric trauma

Placenta complications:

- O73.0** Retained placenta without hemorrhage
- O73.1** Retained portions of placenta and membranes, without hemorrhage

Anesthesia Complications:

- O74.0** Aspiration pneumonitis due to anesthesia during delivery
- O74.1** Other pulmonary complications of anesthesia during delivery
- O74.2** Cardiac complications of anesthesia during labor and delivery
- O74.3** CNS complications of anesthesia during labor and delivery
- O74.4** Toxic reaction to local anesthesia during labor and delivery
- O74.5** Spinal /epidural anesthesia-induced headache during delivery
- O74.6** Other complications of spinal anesthesia during delivery
- O74.7** Failed or difficult intubation for anesthesia during delivery
- O74.8** Other complications of anesthesia during labor and delivery

Amniotic complications:

Final digit for codes below represents the trimester of the pregnancy

1: First Trimester 3: Third Trimester
2: Second Trimester

- O42.00-** Premature rupture of membranes, onset of labor within 24 hours of rupture, unspecified weeks of gestation
- O42.011-** Preterm premature rupture of membranes, onset of labor within 24 hours of rupture
- O42.02-** Full-term premature rupture of membranes, onset of labor within 24 hours of rupture
- O42.10-** Premature rupture of membranes, onset of labor more than 24 hours following rupture, unspecified weeks of gestation
- O42.11-** Preterm premature rupture of membranes, onset of labor more than 24 hours following rupture
- O42.12-** Full-term premature rupture of membranes, onset of labor more than 24 hours following rupture
- O42.90** Premature rupture of membranes, unspecified as to length of time between rupture and onset of labor, unspecified weeks of gestation
- O42.91-** Preterm premature rupture of membranes, unspecified as to length of time between rupture and onset of labor
- O42.92** Full-term premature rupture of membranes, unspecified as to length of time between rupture and onset of labor
- O75.5** Delayed delivery after artificial rupture of membranes
- O77.0** Labor and delivery complicated by meconium in amniotic fluid

Maternal delivery complications:

- O75.0** Maternal distress during labor and delivery
- O75.1** Shock during or following labor and delivery

- O75.2** Pyrexia during labor, not elsewhere classified
- O75.3** Other infection during labor
- O75.4** Other complications of obstetric surgery and procedures.
- O75.81** Maternal exhaustion complicating labor and delivery
- O94** Sequelae of complication of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium

Fetal delivery complications:

- O68** Delivery complicated by fetal acid-base balance
- O76** Abnormality in fetal heart rate and rhythm complicating labor and delivery
- O77.1** Fetal stress in labor or delivery due to drug administration
- O77.8** Labor and delivery complicated by other fetal stress
- O77.9** Labor and delivery complicated by fetal stress, unspecified
- O75.82** Onset (spontaneous) of labor after 37 completed weeks of gestation but before 39 completed weeks gestation, with delivery by (planned) cesarean section
- O75.89** Other specified complications of labor and delivery
- O75.9** Complication of labor and delivery, unspecified
- O80** Encounter for full-term uncomplicated delivery
- O82** Encounter for cesarean delivery without indication

Maternal Health:

- O25.2** Malnutrition in childbirth
- O26.72** Subluxation of symphysis (pubis) in childbirth
- O98.02** Tuberculosis complicating childbirth
- O98.12** Syphilis complicating childbirth
- O98.22** Gonorrhea complicating childbirth
- O98.42** Viral hepatitis complicating childbirth
- O98.52** Other viral diseases complicating childbirth
- O98.62** Protozoal diseases complicating childbirth
- O98.72** Human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] disease complicating childbirth
- O98.82** Other maternal infectious and parasitic diseases complicating childbirth
- O98.92** Unspecified maternal infectious and parasitic disease complicating childbirth
- O99.02** Anemia complicating childbirth
- O99.12** Other diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism complicating childbirth
- O99.214** Obesity complicating childbirth
- O99.284** Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases complicating childbirth
- O99.314** Alcohol use complicating childbirth
- O99.324** Drug use complicating childbirth
- O99.334** Smoking (tobacco) complicating childbirth
- O99.344** Other mental disorders complicating childbirth
- O99.354** Diseases of the nervous system complicating childbirth
- O99.42** Diseases of the circulatory system complicating childbirth
- O99.52** Diseases of the respiratory system complicating childbirth
- O99.62** Diseases of the digestive system complicating childbirth
- O99.72** Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue complicating childbirth
- O99.814** Abnormal glucose complicating childbirth
- O99.824** Streptococcus B carrier state complicating childbirth
- O99.834** Other infection carrier state complicating childbirth
- O99.844** Bariatric surgery status complicating childbirth

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O99.892 Other specified diseases and conditions complicating childbirth

O9A.12 Malignant neoplasm complicating childbirth

O9A.22 Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes complicating childbirth

O9A.32 Physical abuse complicating childbirth

O9A.42 Sexual abuse complicating childbirth

O9A.52 Psychological abuse complicating childbirth

Hypertensive and Diabetic conditions:

O10.02 Pre-existing HTN complicating childbirth

O10.12 Pre-existing hypertensive heart disease complicating childbirth

O10.22 Pre-existing hypertensive CKD complicating childbirth

O10.32 Pre-existing hypertensive heart and CKD complicating childbirth

O10.42 Pre-existing secondary HTN complicating childbirth

O10.92 Unspecified pre-existing HTN complicating childbirth

O11.4 Pre-existing hypertension with pre-eclampsia complicating childbirth

O12.04 Gestational edema, complicating childbirth

O12.14 Gestational proteinuria, complicating childbirth

O12.24 Gestational edema with proteinuria, complicating childbirth

O13.4 Gestational hypertension without significant proteinuria, complicating childbirth

O14.04 Mild to moderate pre-eclampsia, complicating childbirth

O14.14 Severe pre-eclampsia complicating childbirth

O14.24 HELLP syndrome, complicating childbirth

O14.94 Unspecified pre-eclampsia, complicating childbirth

O15.1 Eclampsia complicating labor

O16.4 Unspecified maternal hypertension, complicating childbirth

O24.02 Pre-existing type 1 diabetes mellitus, in childbirth

O24.12 Pre-existing type 2 diabetes mellitus, in childbirth

O24.32 Unspecified pre-existing diabetes mellitus in childbirth

O24.420 Gestational diabetes mellitus in childbirth, diet controlled

O24.424 Gestational diabetes mellitus in childbirth, insulin controlled

O24.425 Gestational diabetes mellitus in childbirth, controlled by oral hypoglycemic drugs

O24.429 Gestational diabetes mellitus in childbirth, unspecified control

O24.82 Other pre-existing diabetes mellitus in childbirth

O24.92 Unspecified diabetes mellitus in childbirth

Acute Embolisms:

O88.02 Air embolism in childbirth

O88.12 Amniotic fluid embolism in childbirth

O88.22 Thromboembolism in childbirth

O88.32 Pyemic and septic embolism in childbirth

O88.82 Other embolism in childbirth

Outcome of delivery:

Z37.0 Single live birth

Z37.1 Single stillbirth

Z37.2 Twins, both liveborn

Z37.3 Twins, one liveborn and one stillborn

Z37.4 Twins, both stillborn

Z37.50 Multiple births, unspecified, all liveborn

Z37.51 Triplets, all liveborn

Z37.52 Quadruplets, all liveborn

Z37.53 Quintuplets, all liveborn

Z37.54 Sextuplets, all liveborn

Z37.59 Other multiple births, all liveborn

Z37.60 Multiple births, unspecified, some liveborn

Z37.61 Triplets, some liveborn

Z37.62 Quadruplets, some liveborn

Z37.63 Quintuplets, some liveborn

Z37.64 Sextuplets, some liveborn

Z37.69 Other multiple births, some liveborn

Z37.7 Other multiple births, all stillborn



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