

## Chronic Post Rheumatic Arthropathy [Jaccoud]

At Healthfirst, we are committed to helping providers accurately document and code their patients' health records. This tip sheet is intended to assist providers and coding staff with the documentation and ICD-10-CM selection on services submitted to Healthfirst specifically for common types of **Chronic Post Rheumatic Arthropathy [Jaccoud]**. It provides information from industry sources about proper coding practice. However, this document does not represent or guarantee that Healthfirst will cover and/or pay for the services outlined. Coverage decisions are based on the terms of the applicable evidence of coverage and the provider's participation agreement. This includes the determination of any amount that Healthfirst or the member owes the provider.

**Chronic Post Rheumatic Arthropathy [Jaccoud]** is a chronic, non-erosive joint deformity that is the result of severe or repeated bouts of rheumatic fever, which is caused by an infection with Group A beta-hemolytic streptococci. The deformities are reducible and typically correctable with manipulation.

### ICD-10 Codes and Descriptions

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
<b>M12.00</b>	Chronic postrheumatic arthropathy [Jaccoud], unspecified site
<b>M12.01*</b>	Chronic postrheumatic arthropathy [Jaccoud], shoulder
<b>M12.02*</b>	Chronic postrheumatic arthropathy [Jaccoud], elbow
<b>M12.03*</b>	Chronic postrheumatic arthropathy [Jaccoud], wrist
<b>M12.04*</b>	Chronic postrheumatic arthropathy [Jaccoud], hand
<b>M12.05*</b>	Chronic postrheumatic arthropathy [Jaccoud], hip
<b>M12.06*</b>	Chronic postrheumatic arthropathy [Jaccoud], knee
<b>M12.07*</b>	Chronic postrheumatic arthropathy [Jaccoud], ankle and foot
<b>M12.08</b>	Chronic postrheumatic arthropathy [Jaccoud], other specified site
<b>M12.09</b>	Chronic postrheumatic arthropathy [Jaccoud], multiple sites

\*Additional digits are required for laterality (1= right; 2 = left; 9 = Unspecified)

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# Documentation and Coding

## Documentation Recommendations

<b>Updated Status of Condition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Currently on medication “x”; currently stable</li><li>• Worsening</li><li>• Improved</li></ul>
<b>Identify location of Chronic post rheumatic arthropathy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shoulder</li><li>• Elbow</li><li>• Wrist</li><li>• Hand</li><li>• Hip</li><li>• Knee</li><li>• Ankle and Foot</li><li>• Other Specified Site</li><li>• Multiple Sites</li></ul>
<b>Specify Laterality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Right</li><li>• Left</li></ul>
<b>Identify Risk Factors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rheumatic fever (untreated or poorly managed rheumatic fever increases risk)</li><li>• Age (risk increases with age)</li><li>• Genetic Predisposition</li></ul>
<b>Diagnostic Tests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete Blood Count (CBC) and Comprehensive Metabolic Panel (CMP)</li><li>• Rheumatoid factor (RF) Test and Antinuclear Antibody (ANA) Test</li><li>• Erythrocyte sedimentation rate and C-reactive protein</li><li>• Joint Fluid (synovial fluid) Test</li><li>• X-rays, Ultrasounds, computed tomography (CT), and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)</li></ul>
<b>Treatment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physical therapy</li><li>• Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)</li><li>• Corticosteroids</li><li>• Immunosuppressants</li><li>• Orthotic Devices</li><li>• Surgery</li></ul>

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## Coding Tips

- For chronic post rheumatic arthropathy [Jaccoud], vertebrae, use code **M12.08**.
- When chronic post rheumatic arthropathy has a specific location and laterality, use additional characters.
- Do not document a suspected or unconfirmed diagnosis as if it were confirmed.
- Do not use words that imply uncertainty (“likely,” “probable,” “apparently,” “consistent with,” etc.) to describe a current or confirmed diagnosis in the outpatient setting.

## Coding Example

<b>Case 1</b>	A 38-yr-old female patient is seen for a follow up for chronic post rheumatic arthropathy of right hand. Previous medical history includes rheumatic fever. Clinical examination revealed painless reducible deformities of her right hand. Labs were negative for rheumatoid factor (RF) and antinuclear antibodies (ANA). Patient was referred to physical therapy.
<b>Diagnosis Reported</b>	<b>M12.041</b> , Chronic post rheumatic arthropathy [Jaccoud], right hand

## References

- [ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines](#)
- [Coding Clinic Advisor](#)
- [Chronic Postrheumatic Arthropathy, Jaccoud Arthropathy](#)

## Questions?

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