

Lung Transplant

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 **Lung Transplant**. 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 services outlined. Coverage decisions are based on the terms of the applicable subscriber contract/ evidence of coverage and the provider's participation agreement. This includes the determination of any amount that Healthfirst or the member owes the provider.

Lung Transplant is a surgical procedure to replace a diseased or failing lung with a healthy lung, usually from a deceased donor.

Diagnosis Codes & Descriptions

ICD-10-CM	Description
Z94.2	Lung transplant status
Z48.24	Encounter for aftercare following lung transplant

Clinical Documentation Recommendations

Status of Condition	Stable; Improved; Worsening
Link Associated Conditions	Due to, Associated with, Secondary to, or with
Type of Lung Transplant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Lung <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Left Lung or Right Lung • Single Lobe – Identify Lung or Both <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Double Lung • Transplant or Native

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Clinical Documentation Recommendations Continued

Lung Transplant Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transplant Evaluation• Psychosocial Evaluation• Lung Composite Allocation Score• Waiting List• Surgery Date• Recovery• Life after Surgery
Diagnostic Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Echocardiogram (Echo)• Pulmonary Function Tests (PFTs)• Electrocardiogram (ECG/EKG)• Chest X-ray• Other: Blood Tests, Arterial Blood Gases (ABGs)• Ventilation/Perfusion V/Q scans• Exercise Tests• Lung Biopsy
Specify Complications	Breakdown, Leakage, Displacement, Obstruction, Protrusion, Perforation, Infection due to Device, Embolism, Fibrosis, Hemorrhage, Pain Stenosis, Thrombosis, Rejection, Failure, Necrosis, Dehiscence, Type of Pneumonia Mechanical Complications Indicate the Device. Specific involved Anatomic Site
Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oxygen Treatment• Pulmonary Rehab Exercise• Lifelong Immunosuppressant Drugs• Lifestyle Changes• Physical Therapy, and frequent follow-ups for monitoring infections and Organ Function

Coding Tips

- **Transplant diagnosis can be coded** when documented anywhere in the encounter
- Assign **Z76.82 Awaiting organ transplant status** if applicable.
- A **transplant complication** is only coded **if the function of the transplanted organ is affected**. For Lung Complications assign the complication below:
 - **T86.810** - Rejection
 - **T86.811** - Failure
 - **T86.812** - Infection – Use additional code to specify infection

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- **T86.818** - Other – Code also other complication if known
- **T86.819** - Unspecified
- For **routine follow up - Z48.24 -Encounter for aftercare following lung transplant**
- Use additional code to **identify other transplant complications**, such as:
 - Graft-Versus-Host Disease (**D89.81-**); Malignancy associated with organ transplant (**C80.2**)
 - Post-Transplant Lymphoproliferative Disorders (**PTLD**) (**D47.Z1**)
- For **Chronic Lung Allograft Dysfunction (CLAD)** go to category **J4A** - Restrictive Allograft Syndrome. if applicable code first lung transplant rejection - **T86.810**.
 - If applicable code Bronchiolitis Obliterans (BO) and Bronchiolitis Obliterans Syndrome - **J44.81**. When BO occurs following lung transplantation or hematopoietic stem transplantation, it is known as Bronchiolitis Obliterans Syndrome (BOS).
- Assign code **Z98.85, Transplanted organ removal status**, to indicate that a transplanted organ has been previously removed.
- If applicable, Use code **Z94.3** - Heart and lungs transplant status (combined)

Please note: Do not code **Z94.2, Lung transplant status**, with **T86.2, Complications of heart transplant**. The status code does not provide additional information. The complication code indicates that the patient is a lung transplant patient.

Coding Example

Case 1	A patient with a history of bilateral lung transplant presents with aspiration pneumonia due to emesis with a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) mask. The Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, Section I.C.19.g.3, seem to suggest that any condition that would affect the function of the transplanted organ should be coded as a complication. What is the correct code assignment for aspiration pneumonia in a patient with a bilateral lung transplant?
AHA Coding Clinic Year: 2019 Issue: 2nd Quarter Volume 6: 2nd Quarter Number 2: 2019, Pg 6	Assign code T86.818 , Other complications of lung transplant, followed by code J69.0 , Pneumonitis due to inhalation of food and vomit, for the lung complication and aspiration pneumonia. The aspiration pneumonia has affected the function of the transplanted lung.

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References

- [lung.org/lung-health-diseases](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases)
- [Mayoclinic.org/lung-transplant](https://www.mayoclinic.org/lung-transplant)
- [codingclinicadvisor.com](https://www.codingclinicadvisor.com)
- [2026-icd-10-cm-coding-guidelines](#)

Questions?

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