

OB/GYN Quick Reference for ICD-10-CM

Obstetric cases require codes from Chapter 15, Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Puerperium (O00-O9A). These codes have sequencing priority over codes from other chapters. Additional codes from other chapters may be used in conjunction with Chapter 15 codes to further specify conditions. Should the provider document that the pregnancy is incidental to the encounter, then code Z33.1, Pregnant state, incidental, should be used in place of any Chapter 15 codes. It is the provider's responsibility to state that the condition being treated is *not* affecting the pregnancy. Codes from Chapter 15 should only be used on the maternal record, never on the newborn's record.

The majority of codes in Chapter 15 have a final character indicating the trimester of pregnancy.

Additionally, a code from category Z3A, *Weeks of gestation*, should also be reported to identify the specific week of the pregnancy.

Where applicable, a 7th character is to be assigned for certain categories to identify the fetus for which the complication code applies.

Trimester Designation

Trimesters are counted from the first day of the last menstrual period. They are defined as follows:

First trimester-	Less than 14 weeks 0 days
Second trimester -	14 weeks 0 days to less than 28 weeks 0 days
Third trimester -	28 weeks 0 days until delivery

7th Character Extender Designation

One of the following 7th characters is to be assigned to each code under the stated category. 7th character 0 is for single gestations and multiple gestations where the fetus is unspecified. 7th characters 1 through 9 are for cases of multiple gestations to identify the fetus for which the code applies. The appropriate code from the stated category must also be assigned when assigning a code from stated category that has a 7th character 1 through 9.

0	not applicable or unspecified
1	fetus 1
2	fetus 2
3	fetus 3
4	fetus 4
5	fetus 5
9	other fetus

Note: For most codes in category Z3A (Z3A.08-Z3A.42) the last 2 characters correlate to the weeks of gestation.

Weeks of Gestation Designation

Z3A.00	Weeks of gestation of pregnancy not specified	Z3A.25	25 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.01	Less than 8 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.26	26 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.08	8 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.27	27 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.09	9 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.28	28 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.10	10 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.29	29 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.11	11 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.30	30 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.12	12 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.31	31 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.13	13 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.32	32 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.14	14 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.33	33 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.15	15 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.34	34 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.16	16 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.35	35 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.17	17 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.36	36 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.18	18 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.37	37 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.19	19 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.38	38 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.20	20 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.39	39 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.21	21 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.40	40 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.22	22 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.41	41 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.23	23 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.42	42 weeks gestation of pregnancy
Z3A.24	24 weeks gestation of pregnancy	Z3A.49	Greater than 42 weeks gestation of pregnancy

EXAMPLE:

Patient is a type 1 diabetic. She is **16 weeks** pregnant.

O24.012 Pre-existing diabetes mellitus, type 1, in pregnancy, **second trimester**

Z3A.16 **16 weeks gestation** of pregnancy

EXAMPLE:

Patient with monochorionic twin gestations presents with ultrasound indicating polyhydramnios of twin A (fetus 1). She is 30 weeks gestation.

O40.3XX1 Polyhydramnios, third trimester, **fetus 1**

Z3A.30 **30 weeks gestation** of pregnancy

Note: The use of the placeholders “XX” in order to maintain the integrity of the 7th character extender in the code for polyhydramnios.