

Module 5 Guidelines Part 1

Joyce is going to have a trigger finger release surgery. The physician has documented on the surgical report the post-operative diagnosis is "Left fourth finger trigger finger". Which term in the alphabetic index would the coder use under "trigger finger"?

- little finger
- ring finger
- middle finger
- index finger

If a coder was sitting during their certification exam, how would they know which finger name or term is used for the fourth finger?

- Guess
- Ask the person next to them
- Use Google
- Review the illustrations in the back of the coding manual

What is the ICD-10-CM diagnosis code the coder would assign for the post-operative diagnosis "left fourth finger trigger finger"?

Correct answer 1 - M65.342