

A quick reference list of common Read Codes

Please note:

- You may not always find a Read Code that accurately describes a specific injury. If you are unable to find the appropriate Read Code, use the code “Z...”. and provide a clear description of the injury.
- Where there are multiple injuries, please record the Read Code for each injury.
- To ensure an accurate diagnosis, record each Read Code complete with dots. Each Code must have five characters.

Part 1 – sorted by injury type

READ CODE	DIAGNOSIS	READ CODE	DIAGNOSIS	READ CODE	DIAGNOSIS
INFECTION					
M0212	Paronychia of toe	S234.	Fracture distal radius/ulna (closed)	S522.	Sprain thumb
M03z0	Cellulitis NOS	S2341	Colles' fracture (closed)	S523.	Sprain finger
M07z.	Infection local skin/subcut	S2401	Fracture scaphoid (closed)	S5231	Sprain MCP joint
M07z.	Infected insect bite	S24z.	Fracture carpal bome	S5237	Sprain DIP joint
GRADUAL PROCESS					
F340.	Carpal tunnel syndrome	S25..	Fracture metacarpal bone	S532.	Sprain hip joint
F5812	Noise induced hearing loss	S26..	Fracture phalanges hand	S533.	Sprain quadriceps tendon
M12..	Dermatitis (contact)	S30..	Fracture neck of femur	S535.	Sprain hamstring tendon
N131	Chronic/recurrent neck pain	S4F..	Fracture /dislocation knee	S540.	Sprain lat. collateral lig. knee
N211.	Rotator cuff syndrome	S32..	Fracture patella	S541.	Sprain med.collateral lig. knee
N2124	Shoulder impingement	S33..	Fracture tibia and fibula	S542.	Sprain cruciate ligament knee
N2131	Medial epicondylitis - elbow	S339.	Fracture of fibula alone	S460.	Acute meniscal tear, medial
N2132	Lateral epicondylitis - elbow	S34..	Fracture ankle	S461.	Acute meniscal tear, lateral
N2133	Olecranon bursitis	S352.	Fracture tarsal bones/ metatarsals (closed)	S54x1	Sprain gastrocnemius
N2165	Prepatellar bursitis	S3521	Fracture talus (closed)	S550.	Ankle sprain
N2174	Tendonitis achilles	S3527	Fracture metatarsal (closed)	S5504	Sprain Achilles tendon
N220.	Synovitis and tenosynovitis	S36..	Fracture phalanges of foot	S551.	Foot sprain
N2205	Other hand/wrist tenosynovitis	DISLOCATION			
N23..	Muscle/ligament/fascia disorders	S41..	Dislocation/subluxation shoulder	S5511	Sprain tarso-metatarsal joint
N2412	Fibromyalgia	S42..	Dislocation elbow	S5512	Sprain MTP joint
N3371	Complex regional pain syndrome	S43..	Dislocation wrist	S5513	Sprain IP joint toe
FRACTURE					
S020.	Fracture nose (closed)	S44..	Dislocation subluxation finger/thumb	S560.	Sprain lumbosacral ligament
S030.	Fracture skull	S45..	Dislocation hip	N142.	Pain in lumbar spine
S02..	Fracture of face bones	S463.	Dislocation patella	N143.	Sciatica
S8363	Fracture tooth	S465.	Dislocation knee	S561.	Sprain sacroiliac ligament
S102.	Fracture thoracic vertebra	S48..	Dislocation phalanges (foot)	S570.	Sprain neck
S104.	Fracture lumbar vertebra	S47..	Dislocation ankle	S5704	Whiplash injury
S106.	Fracture sacrum	SPRAIN/STRAIN			
S108.	Fracture coccyx	S50..	Sprain shoulder/upper arm	N12C0	Cervical disc prolapse with radiculopathy
S120.	Fracture rib (closed)	N210.	Frozen shoulder	S571.	Thoracic sprain
S20..	Fracture clavicle	N2114	Rotator cuff tear (partial thickness)	N12C1	Thoracic disc prolapse with radiculopathy
S2240	Fracture elbow (closed)	N2115	Rotator cuff tear (full thickness)	S572.	Lumbar sprain
S226.	Fracture upper end humerus	S500.	Sprain acromio-clav ligament	SJ32.	Lumbar nerve root injury
S230.	Fracture proximal radius/ ulnar (closed)	S504.	Rotator cuff sprain	N12C2	Lumbar disc prolapse with radiculopathy
S231.	Fracture proximal radius/ ulnar (open)	S507.	Sprain shoulder joint	S574.	Coccyx sprain
S232.	Fracture shaft radius/ulnar (closed)	S508.	Sprain biceps tendon	N1472	Coccydinia
S233.	Fracture shaft radius/ulnar (open)	S51..	Sprain elbow/forearm	S5y3.	Rib sprain
TENDON INJURY					
N2264 Rupture hand/wrist flexor tendon					
N361. Mallet finger					
S503. Sprain infraspinatus tendon					
S5204 Sprain radial collateral ligament (thumb)					
S524. Sprain tendon wrist or hand					

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S5Q2.	Rupture supraspinatus				
S5Q4.	Rupture biceps tendon				
LACERATION		CONTUSION		BURN	
S8...	Open wound head/neck/trunk	SE0..	Contusion face/scalp/neck, exc eye(s)	SH0..	Burn eyelids/periorcular
S80..	Open wound eyelid	SE00.	Contusion forehead	SH1..	Burn face/head/neck
S82..	Open wound ear	SE01.	Contusion cheek	SH2..	Burn trunk
S830.	Open wound scalp	SE02.	Contusion nose	SH225	Burn buttock
S832.	Open wound nose	SE03.	Contusion lip	SH3..	Burn arm, excl. wrist/hand
S834.	Open wound face	SE05.	Contusion ear	SH4..	Burn wrist(s) and hand(s)
S8341	Open wound cheek	SE09.	Contusion scalp	SH417	Burn wrist
S8342	Open wound forehead	SE1..	Contusion eye and adnexa	SH401	Burn finger
S8343	Open wound eyebrow	SE2..	Contusion trunk	SH516	Burn thigh
S8344	Open wound lip	SE20.	Contusion breast	SH52.	Burn leg
S8345	Open wound jaw	SE21.	Contusion chest wall	SH91.	Burn NOS
S836.	Open wound mouth	SE22.	Contusion abdominal wall	MISCELLANEOUS	
S85..	Open wound chest wall	SE222	Contusion groin	7G321	Avulsion nail
S86..	Open wound back	SE23.	Contusion back	F5420	Perforated ear drum
S87..	Open wound buttock	SE230	Contusion interscapular region	G80..	Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis
S88..	Open wound external genitalia	SE231	Contusion buttock	J30..	Inguinal hernia
S8z..	Open wound NOS	SE232	Contusion lower back	J31..	Femoral hernia
S9...	Open wound arm	SE24.	Contusion genital organs	M271.	Leg ulcer NOS
S9003	Open wound upper arm	SE25.	Contusion pelvic region	S8363	Broken tooth injury
S9100	Open wound forearm	SE30.	Contusion shoulder/upper arm	J0510	Accidental loss of tooth
S9101	Open wound elbow	SE300	Contusion shoulder area	SE10.	Black eye
S9102	Open wound wrist	SE301	Contusion scapular area	SE330	Subungal haematoma
S92..	Open wound hand excl. finger(s)	SE310	Contusion forearm area	SD44.	Insect bite hand (no infection)
S9300	Open wound finger	SE311	Contusion elbow area	M07z.	Insect bite (infected)
S9302	Open wound thumb	SE320	Contusion hand (exc finger)	S60..	Concussion
S935.	Open wound fingernail	SE321	Contusion wrist	E2A2.	Post concussion syndrome
SA...	Open wound - leg	SE33.	Contusion finger	SN53.	Allergy unspecified
SA0..	Open wound hip and thigh	SE332	Contusion finger nail (inc subung haem)	TE532	Bee sting, toxic reaction
SA1..	Open wound knee/leg/ankle	SE400	Contusion hip	TE60.	Dog bite
SA100	Open wound knee	SE401	Contusion thigh	TE630	Cat bite
SA101	Open wound leg	SE44.	Contusion lower limb (multiple sites)	TE6y8	Scratched by cat
SA2..	Open wound foot excl. toe(s)	SE410	Contusion lower leg	TLxy0	Human bite
SA3..	Open wound toe(s)	SE411	Contusion knee	U12A.	Contact with sharp plant
ABRASION		SE42.	Contusion ankle/foot, exc toe(s)	SEXUAL ABUSE AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS	
SD00.	Abrasion head/neck	SE420	Contusion foot	SN571	Sexual abuse
SD000	Abrasion face	SE43.	Contusion toe	E29y1	Post traumatic stress disorder
SD810	Corneal abrasion	SE4z.	Contusion site NOS	E2019	Dissociative identity disorder
SD10.	Abrasion trunk	CRUSH INJURY & AMPUTATION		E21..	Personality disorder
SD101	Abrasion chest wall	SF203	Crush injury upper arm	E2000	Anxiety disorder
SD20.	Abrasion upper arm (no infection)	SF22.	Crush injury wrist/hand	E2B..	Depression
SD21.	Abrasion upper arm (infected)	SF23.	Crush injury finger(s)		
SD30.	Abrasion lower arm (no infection)	SF231	Crush injury thumb (closed)		
SD31.	Abrasion lower arm (infected)	SF233	Crush injury finger(s) (open)		
SD300	Abrasion elbow area	SF322	Crush injury foot		
SD310	Abrasion elbow (infected)	S95..	Amputation thumb		
SD40.	Abrasion hand (no infection)	S96..	Amputation finger		
SD41.	Abrasion hand (infected)	S97..	Amputation hand		
SD60.	Abrasion leg (no infection)	SA6..	Amputation foot		
SD61.	Abrasion leg (infected)	FOREIGN BODY			
SD602	Abrasion knee	SD46.	Splinter hand (no infection)		
SD701	Abrasion toe	SG00..	Corneal foreign body		
SD700	Abrasion foot (no infection)	SG03.	Conjunctival foreign body		
SD710	Abrasion foot (infected)	SG1..	Foreign body ear		
		SG2..	Foreign body nose		
		SG52.	Foreign body abdomen		
		SGz..	Foreign body other		

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SF233.	Crush injury finger (open)	S533.	Sprain quadriceps tendon	S5511	Sprain tarso-metatarsal joint
SH416	Burn hand	S535.	Sprain hamstring tendon	S5512	Sprain MTP joint
SH417	Burn wrist	S88..	Open wound external genitalia	SA2..	Open wound foot excl toe(s)
SH401	Burn finger	SA0..	Open wound hip and thigh	SA6..	Amputation foot
SPINE (INCLUDING NECK)		SD60.	Abrasion leg (no infection)	SD700	Abrasion foot (no infection)
N12C0	Cervical disc prolapse with radiculopathy	SD61.	Abrasion leg (infected)	SD710	Abrasion of foot (infected)
N12C1	Thoracic disc prolapse with radiculopathy	SE222	Contusion groin	SE42.	Contusion ankle/foot, exc toe(s)
N12C2	Lumbar disc prolapse with radiculopathy	SE231	Contusion buttock	SE420	Contusion foot
N131.	Chronic/recurrent neck pain	SE232	Contusion lower back	SF322	Crush injury foot
N142.	Pain in lumbar spine	SE24.	Contusion genital organs	TOES	
N143.	Sciatica	SE25.	Contusion pelvic region	M0212	Paronychia of toe
N1472	Coccydina	SE400	Contusion hip	S36..	Fracture Phalanges of foot
S102.	Fracture thoracic vertebra	SE401	Contusion thigh	S48..	Dislocation phalanges (foot)
S104.	Fracture lumbar vertebra	SE44.	Contusion lower limb (multiple sites)	S5513	Sprain IP joint
S106.	Fracture sacrum	SH516	Burn thigh	SA3..	Open wound toe(s)
S108.	Fracture coccyx	SH52.	Burn leg	SD701	Abrasion toe
S560.	Sprain lumbosacral ligament	SH22C	Burn buttock	SE43.	Contusion toe
S561.	Sprain sacroiliac ligament	KNEE			
S570.	Neck sprain	N2165	Prepatellar bursitis		
S5704	Whiplash injury	S32..	Fracture Patella		
S571.	Thoracic sprain	S463.	Dislocation patella		
S572.	Lumbar sprain	S465.	Dislocation knee		
S574.	Coccyx sprain	S4F..	Fracture/dislocation knee		
S86..	Open wound back	S540.	Sprain lat. collateral lig knee		
S87..	Open wound buttock	S541.	Sprain med. collateral lig. knee		
SE2..	Contusion trunk	S542.	Sprain cruciate ligament knee		
SE23.	Contusion back	S460.	Acute meniscal tear, medial		
SE230	Contusion interscapular rgn	S461.	Acute meniscal tear, lateral		
SE231	Contusion buttock	SA100	Open wound of knee		
SE232	Contusion lower back	SD602	Abrasion knee		
SH2..	Burn trunk	SE411	Contusion knee		
SH225	Burn buttock	LOWER LEG			
SJ32.	Lumbar nerve root injury	M271.	Leg ulcer NOS		
CHEST & RIBS		S33..	Fracture tibia and fibula		
S120.	Fracture rib	S339.	Fracture of fibula alone		
S5y3.	Rib sprain	S54x1	Sprain gastrocnemius		
S85.	Open wound chest wall	SA101	Open wound leg		
SD10.	Abrasion trunk	SD603	Abrasion lower leg		
SD101	Abrasion chest wall	SD613	Abrasion lower leg (infected)		
SE2..	Contusion trunk	SE410	Contusion lower leg		
SE20.	Contusion breast	SH5..	Burn of lower limbs		
SE21.	Contusion chest wall	ANKLE & FOOT			
ABDOMEN		N2174	Tendonitis achilles		
SE22.	Contusion abdominal wall	S34..	Fracture Ankle		
SG52.	Foreign body abdomen	S352.	Fracture tarsal bones/metatarsals (closed)		
HIP, GROIN & UPPER LEG		S3521	Fracture talus		
J30..	Inguinal hernia	S3527	Fracture metatarsal		
J31..	Femoral hernia	S47..	Dislocation ankle		
S30..	Fracture neck of femur	S550.	Ankle sprain		
S45..	Dislocation hip	S5504	Sprain Achilles tendon		
S530.	Iliofemoral sprain	S551.	Foot sprain		
S532.	Sprain hip joint				