



Chapter 14: Diseases of the Genitourinary System (N00–N99)

Quick-Reference Student Guide

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a. Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

Staging by Severity

Stage	Code(s)	Severity
Stage 2	N18.2	Mild CKD
Stage 3	N18.30 – N18.32	Moderate CKD
Stage 4	N18.4	Severe CKD
ESRD	N18.6	End-stage renal disease

Key rule: If both a CKD stage AND ESRD are documented, assign N18.6 ONLY.

CKD with Kidney Transplant Status

- CKD can persist after a transplant because the graft may not fully restore kidney function.
- **CKD alone is NOT a transplant complication.**
- **Code:** the appropriate N18 stage code + Z94.0 (kidney transplant status).
- If failure, rejection, or another transplant complication IS documented → see Section I.C.19.g.

Query trigger: Unclear whether the patient has an actual complication of the transplant.

CKD with Other Conditions

- Most commonly co-occurs with diabetes mellitus and hypertension.
- Sequencing of the CKD code relative to these other conditions follows the Tabular List conventions.
- **Cross-references:** I.C.9 (hypertensive CKD) and I.C.19 (CKD & kidney transplant complications).