

Clinical Policy: External Ocular Photography

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Description

External ocular photography documents the external eye, lids and ocular adnexa. Photographs can record the eye and its motion more accurately than physician chart notes or drawings. This policy describes the medical necessity requirements for external ocular photography.

Policy/Criteria

- I. It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation[®] that external ocular photography is **medically necessary** to track progression of the following external ocular conditions:
 - A. Keratitis, corneal degeneration, dystrophy, injury, edema, ulceration, opacification, ectasia or perforation;
 - B. Iridocyclitis and associated glaucoma;
 - C. Anterior chamber inflammation, hyphema, narrow angle, or synechiae;
 - D. Conjunctivitis, episcleritis, scleritis;
 - E. Eyelid pathology, including blepharitis, dermatitis, entropion, extropion, ptosis, retraction, xanthelasma, chloasma, madarosis, edema and vascular abnormalities;
 - F. External ocular and eyelid pathology including neoplasms, melanomas, carcinomas, cysts, trauma and burns.
- II. It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation[®] that external ocular photography is **not medically necessary** under the following situations:
 - A. Routine use of external ocular photography to document the appearance of healthy anatomy;
 - B. Duplicative documentation of retinal pathology with anterior segment scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging unless the additional diagnostic procedure provides new information to assist in clinical decision-making;
 - C. Repeated performance in the presence of controlled and/or stable disease.

Background

External ocular photography (CPT 92285) is a non-invasive procedure used to photo-document conditions of the external structures of the eye (e.g. eyelids, lashes, sclera, conjunctiva and cornea). External photography techniques may also be used to document conditions related to structures of the anterior segment of the eye, including the anterior chamber, iris, crystalline lens and filtration angle. This code does not differentiate between external and slit lamp photography, between film and digital media, or between still and video images. External ocular photography is accomplished by using a close-up hand-held camera, a slit-lamp-integrated camera, photography through a gonioscopy lens or with a close-up stereo camera. In any case, the resulting photographs may be prints, slides, videotapes or digitally stored.

Coding Implications

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CPT® Codes	Description
92285	External ocular photography with interpretation and report for documentation of medical progress (eg, close-up photography, slit lamp photography, goniophotography, stereophotography)

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes that Support Coverage Criteria

+ Indicates a code requiring an additional character

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
A18.52	Tuberculous keratitis
B00.51	Herpes viral iridocyclitis
B00.52	Herpes viral keratitis
B02.31	Zoster conjunctivitis
B02.32	Zoster iridocyclitis
B02.33	Zoster keratitis
B02.34	Zoster scleritis
B60.12	Conjunctivitis due to Acanthamoeba
B60.13	Keratoconjunctivitis due to Acanthamoeba
C43.111	Malignant melanoma of right upper eyelid, including canthus
C43.112	Malignant melanoma of right lower eyelid, including canthus
C43.121	Malignant melanoma of left upper eyelid, including canthus
C43.122	Malignant melanoma of left lower eyelid, including canthus
C44.1021	Unspecified malignant neoplasm of skin of right upper eyelid, including canthus
C44.1022	Unspecified malignant neoplasm of skin of right lower eyelid, including canthus
C44.1091	Unspecified malignant neoplasm of skin of left upper eyelid, including canthus
C44.1092	Unspecified malignant neoplasm of skin of left lower eyelid, including canthus
C44.1121	Basal cell carcinoma of skin of right upper eyelid, including canthus
C44.1122	Basal cell carcinoma of skin of right lower eyelid, including canthus
C44.1191	Basal cell carcinoma of skin of left upper eyelid, including canthus
C44.1192	Basal cell carcinoma of skin of left lower eyelid, including canthus
C44.1221	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of right upper eyelid, including canthus
C44.1222	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of right lower eyelid, including canthus
C44.1291	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of left upper eyelid, including canthus
C44.1292	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of left lower eyelid, including canthus
C44.131	Sebaceous cell carcinoma of skin of unspecified eyelid, including canthus

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ICD-10-CM Code	Description
C44.1321	Sebaceous cell carcinoma of skin of right upper eyelid, including canthus
C44.1322	Sebaceous cell carcinoma of skin of right lower eyelid, including canthus
C44.1391	Sebaceous cell carcinoma of skin of left upper eyelid, including canthus
C44.1392	Sebaceous cell carcinoma of skin of left lower eyelid, including canthus
C44.1921	Other specified malignant neoplasm of skin of right upper eyelid, including canthus
C4A.111	Merkel cell carcinoma of right upper eyelid, including canthus
C4A.112	Merkel cell carcinoma of right lower eyelid, including canthus
C4A.121	Merkel cell carcinoma of left upper eyelid, including canthus
C4A.122	Merkel cell carcinoma of left lower eyelid, including canthus
C47.0	Malignant neoplasm of peripheral nerves of head, face and neck
C49.0	Malignant neoplasm of connective and soft tissue of head, face and neck
C69.01	Malignant neoplasm of right conjunctiva
C69.02	Malignant neoplasm of left conjunctiva
C69.11	Malignant neoplasm of right cornea
C69.12	Malignant neoplasm of left cornea
C69.41	Malignant neoplasm of right ciliary body
C69.42	Malignant neoplasm of left ciliary body
D03.111	Melanoma in situ of right upper eyelid, including canthus
D03.112	Melanoma in situ of right lower eyelid, including canthus
D03.121	Melanoma in situ of left upper eyelid, including canthus
D03.122	Melanoma in situ of left lower eyelid, including canthus
D04.111	Carcinoma in situ of skin of right upper eyelid, including canthus
D04.112	Carcinoma in situ of skin of right lower eyelid, including canthus
D04.121	Carcinoma in situ of skin of left upper eyelid, including canthus
D04.122	Carcinoma in situ of skin of left lower eyelid, including canthus
D22.111	Melanocytic nevi of right upper eyelid, including canthus
D22.112	Melanocytic nevi of right lower eyelid, including canthus
D22.121	Melanocytic nevi of left upper eyelid, including canthus
D22.122	Melanocytic nevi of left lower eyelid, including canthus
D23.111	Other benign neoplasm of skin of right upper eyelid, including canthus
D23.112	Other benign neoplasm of skin of right lower eyelid, including canthus
D23.121	Other benign neoplasm of skin of left upper eyelid, including canthus
D23.122	Other benign neoplasm of skin of left lower eyelid, including canthus
D31.01	Benign neoplasm of right conjunctiva
D31.02	Benign neoplasm of left conjunctiva
D31.11	Benign neoplasm of right cornea
D31.12	Benign neoplasm of left cornea
D31.41	Benign neoplasm of right ciliary body
D31.42	Benign neoplasm of left ciliary body
G51.0	Bell's palsy

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H01.011	Ulcerative blepharitis right upper eyelid
H01.012	Ulcerative blepharitis right lower eyelid
H01.014	Ulcerative blepharitis left upper eyelid
H01.015	Ulcerative blepharitis left lower eyelid
H01.01A	Ulcerative blepharitis right eye, upper and lower eyelids
H01.01B	Ulcerative blepharitis left eye, upper and lower eyelids
H01.021	Squamous blepharitis right upper eyelid
H01.022	Squamous blepharitis right lower eyelid
H01.024	Squamous blepharitis left upper eyelid
H01.025	Squamous blepharitis left lower eyelid
H01.02A	Squamous blepharitis right eye, upper and lower eyelids
H01.02B	Squamous blepharitis left eye, upper and lower eyelids
H01.111	Allergic dermatitis of right upper eyelid
H01.112	Allergic dermatitis of right lower eyelid
H01.114	Allergic dermatitis of left upper eyelid
H01.115	Allergic dermatitis of left lower eyelid
H01.121	Discoid lupus erythematosus of right upper eyelid
H01.122	Discoid lupus erythematosus of right lower eyelid
H01.124	Discoid lupus erythematosus of left upper eyelid
H01.125	Discoid lupus erythematosus of left lower eyelid
H01.131	Eczematous dermatitis of right upper eyelid
H01.132	Eczematous dermatitis of right lower eyelid
H01.134	Eczematous dermatitis of left upper eyelid
H01.135	Eczematous dermatitis of left lower eyelid
H01.141	Xeroderma of right upper eyelid
H01.142	Xeroderma of right lower eyelid
H01.144	Xeroderma of left upper eyelid
H01.145	Xeroderma of left lower eyelid
H02.011	Cicatricial entropion of right upper eyelid
H02.012	Cicatricial entropion of right lower eyelid
H02.014	Cicatricial entropion of left upper eyelid
H02.015	Cicatricial entropion of left lower eyelid
H02.021	Mechanical entropion of right upper eyelid
H02.022	Mechanical entropion of right lower eyelid
H02.024	Mechanical entropion of left upper eyelid
H02.025	Mechanical entropion of left lower eyelid
H02.031	Senile entropion of right upper eyelid
H02.032	Senile entropion of right lower eyelid
H02.034	Senile entropion of left upper eyelid
H02.035	Senile entropion of left lower eyelid
H02.041	Spastic entropion of right upper eyelid
H02.042	Spastic entropion of right lower eyelid

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H02.044	Spastic entropion of left upper eyelid
H02.045	Spastic entropion of left lower eyelid
H02.051	Trichiasis without entropion right upper eyelid
H02.052	Trichiasis without entropion right lower eyelid
H02.054	Trichiasis without entropion left upper eyelid
H02.055	Trichiasis without entropion left lower eyelid
H02.111	Cicatricial ectropion of right upper eyelid
H02.112	Cicatricial ectropion of right lower eyelid
H02.114	Cicatricial ectropion of left upper eyelid
H02.115	Cicatricial ectropion of left lower eyelid
H02.121	Mechanical ectropion of right upper eyelid
H02.122	Mechanical ectropion of right lower eyelid
H02.124	Mechanical ectropion of left upper eyelid
H02.125	Mechanical ectropion of left lower eyelid
H02.131	Senile ectropion of right upper eyelid
H02.132	Senile ectropion of right lower eyelid
H02.134	Senile ectropion of left upper eyelid
H02.135	Senile ectropion of left lower eyelid
H02.141	Spastic ectropion of right upper eyelid
H02.142	Spastic ectropion of right lower eyelid
H02.144	Spastic ectropion of left upper eyelid
H02.145	Spastic ectropion of left lower eyelid
H02.151	Paralytic ectropion of right upper eyelid
H02.152	Paralytic ectropion of right lower eyelid
H02.154	Paralytic ectropion of left upper eyelid
H02.155	Paralytic ectropion of left lower eyelid
H02.211	Cicatricial lagophthalmos right upper eyelid
H02.212	Cicatricial lagophthalmos right lower eyelid
H02.214	Cicatricial lagophthalmos left upper eyelid
H02.215	Cicatricial lagophthalmos left lower eyelid
H02.21A	Cicatricial lagophthalmos right eye, upper and lower eyelids
H02.21B	Cicatricial lagophthalmos left eye, upper and lower eyelids
H02.21C	Cicatricial lagophthalmos, bilateral, upper and lower eyelids
H02.221	Mechanical lagophthalmos right upper eyelid
H02.222	Mechanical lagophthalmos right lower eyelid
H02.224	Mechanical lagophthalmos left upper eyelid
H02.225	Mechanical lagophthalmos left lower eyelid
H02.22A	Mechanical lagophthalmos right eye, upper and lower eyelids
H02.22B	Mechanical lagophthalmos left eye, upper and lower eyelids
H02.22C	Mechanical lagophthalmos, bilateral, upper and lower eyelids
H02.231	Paralytic lagophthalmos right upper eyelid

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H02.232	Paralytic lagophthalmos right lower eyelid
H02.234	Paralytic lagophthalmos left upper eyelid
H02.235	Paralytic lagophthalmos left lower eyelid
H02.23A	Paralytic lagophthalmos right eye, upper and lower eyelids
H02.23B	Paralytic lagophthalmos left eye, upper and lower eyelids
H02.23C	Paralytic lagophthalmos, bilateral, upper and lower eyelids
H02.31	Blepharochalasis right upper eyelid
H02.32	Blepharochalasis right lower eyelid
H02.34	Blepharochalasis left upper eyelid
H02.35	Blepharochalasis left lower eyelid
H02.411	Mechanical ptosis of right eyelid
H02.412	Mechanical ptosis of left eyelid
H02.413	Mechanical ptosis of bilateral eyelids
H02.421	Myogenic ptosis of right eyelid
H02.422	Myogenic ptosis of left eyelid
H02.423	Myogenic ptosis of bilateral eyelids
H02.431	Paralytic ptosis of right eyelid
H02.432	Paralytic ptosis of left eyelid
H02.433	Paralytic ptosis of bilateral eyelids
H02.511	Abnormal innervation syndrome right upper eyelid
H02.512	Abnormal innervation syndrome right lower eyelid
H02.514	Abnormal innervation syndrome left upper eyelid
H02.515	Abnormal innervation syndrome left lower eyelid
H02.521	Blepharophimosis right upper eyelid
H02.522	Blepharophimosis right lower eyelid
H02.524	Blepharophimosis left upper eyelid
H02.525	Blepharophimosis left lower eyelid
H02.531	Eyelid retraction right upper eyelid
H02.532	Eyelid retraction right lower eyelid
H02.534	Eyelid retraction left upper eyelid
H02.535	Eyelid retraction left lower eyelid
H02.61	Xanthelasma of right upper eyelid
H02.62	Xanthelasma of right lower eyelid
H02.64	Xanthelasma of left upper eyelid
H02.65	Xanthelasma of left lower eyelid
H02.711	Chloasma of right upper eyelid and periocular area
H02.712	Chloasma of right lower eyelid and periocular area
H02.714	Chloasma of left upper eyelid and periocular area
H02.715	Chloasma of left lower eyelid and periocular area
H02.721	Madarosis of right upper eyelid and periocular area
H02.722	Madarosis of right lower eyelid and periocular area
H02.724	Madarosis of left upper eyelid and periocular area

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H02.725	Madarosis of left lower eyelid and periocular area
H02.731	Vitiligo of right upper eyelid and periocular area
H02.732	Vitiligo of right lower eyelid and periocular area
H02.734	Vitiligo of left upper eyelid and periocular area
H02.735	Vitiligo of left lower eyelid and periocular area
H02.811	Retained foreign body in right upper eyelid
H02.812	Retained foreign body in right lower eyelid
H02.814	Retained foreign body in left upper eyelid
H02.815	Retained foreign body in left lower eyelid
H02.821	Cysts of right upper eyelid
H02.822	Cysts of right lower eyelid
H02.824	Cysts of left upper eyelid
H02.825	Cysts of left lower eyelid
H02.831	Dermatochalasis of right upper eyelid
H02.832	Dermatochalasis of right lower eyelid
H02.834	Dermatochalasis of left upper eyelid
H02.835	Dermatochalasis of left lower eyelid
H02.841	Edema of right upper eyelid
H02.842	Edema of right lower eyelid
H02.844	Edema of left upper eyelid
H02.845	Edema of left lower eyelid
H02.851	Elephantiasis of right upper eyelid
H02.852	Elephantiasis of right lower eyelid
H02.854	Elephantiasis of left upper eyelid
H02.855	Elephantiasis of left lower eyelid
H02.861	Hypertrichosis of right upper eyelid
H02.862	Hypertrichosis of right lower eyelid
H02.864	Hypertrichosis of left upper eyelid
H02.865	Hypertrichosis of left lower eyelid
H02.871	Vascular anomalies of right upper eyelid
H02.872	Vascular anomalies of right lower eyelid
H02.874	Vascular anomalies of left upper eyelid
H02.875	Vascular anomalies of left lower eyelid
H10.011	Acute follicular conjunctivitis, right eye
H10.012	Acute follicular conjunctivitis, left eye
H10.013	Acute follicular conjunctivitis, bilateral
H10.11	Acute atopic conjunctivitis, right eye
H10.12	Acute atopic conjunctivitis, left eye
H10.13	Acute atopic conjunctivitis, bilateral
H10.211	Acute toxic conjunctivitis, right eye
H10.212	Acute toxic conjunctivitis, left eye
H10.213	Acute toxic conjunctivitis, bilateral

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H10.221	Pseudomembranous conjunctivitis, right eye
H10.222	Pseudomembranous conjunctivitis, left eye
H10.223	Pseudomembranous conjunctivitis, bilateral
H10.231	Serous conjunctivitis, except viral, right eye
H10.232	Serous conjunctivitis, except viral, left eye
H10.233	Serous conjunctivitis, except viral, bilateral
H10.411	Chronic giant papillary conjunctivitis, right eye
H10.412	Chronic giant papillary conjunctivitis, left eye
H10.413	Chronic giant papillary conjunctivitis, bilateral
H10.421	Simple chronic conjunctivitis, right eye
H10.422	Simple chronic conjunctivitis, left eye
H10.423	Simple chronic conjunctivitis, bilateral
H10.431	Chronic follicular conjunctivitis, right eye
H10.432	Chronic follicular conjunctivitis, left eye
H10.433	Chronic follicular conjunctivitis, bilateral
H10.44	Vernal conjunctivitis
H10.511	Ligneous conjunctivitis right eye
H10.512	Ligneous conjunctivitis left eye
H10.513	Ligneous conjunctivitis bilateral
H10.521	Angular blepharoconjunctivitis, right eye
H10.522	Angular blepharoconjunctivitis, left eye
H10.523	Angular blepharoconjunctivitis, bilateral
H10.531	Contact blepharoconjunctivitis, right eye
H10.532	Contact blepharoconjunctivitis, left eye
H10.533	Contact blepharoconjunctivitis, bilateral
H10.811	Pingueculitis right eye
H10.812	Pingueculitis left eye
H10.813	Pingueculitis bilateral
H10.821	Rosacea conjunctivitis, right eye
H10.822	Rosacea conjunctivitis, left eye
H10.823	Rosacea conjunctivitis, bilateral
H11.011	Amyloid pterygium of right eye
H11.012	Amyloid pterygium of left eye
H11.013	Amyloid pterygium bilateral
H11.021	Central pterygium of right eye
H11.022	Central pterygium of left eye
H11.023	Central pterygium of eye, bilateral
H11.031	Double pterygium of right eye
H11.032	Double pterygium of left eye
H11.033	Double pterygium of eye, bilateral
H11.041	Peripheral pterygium, stationary, right eye
H11.042	Peripheral pterygium, stationary, left eye

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H11.043	Peripheral pterygium, stationary, bilateral
H11.051	Peripheral pterygium, progressive, right eye
H11.052	Peripheral pterygium, progressive, left eye
H11.053	Peripheral pterygium, progressive, bilateral
H11.061	Recurrent pterygium of right eye
H11.062	Recurrent pterygium of left eye
H11.063	Recurrent pterygium of eye, bilateral
H11.111	Conjunctival deposits, right eye
H11.112	Conjunctival deposits, left eye
H11.113	Conjunctival deposits, bilateral
H11.121	Conjunctival concretions, right eye
H11.122	Conjunctival concretions, left eye
H11.123	Conjunctival concretions, bilateral
H11.131	Conjunctival pigmentations, right eye
H11.132	Conjunctival pigmentations, left eye
H11.133	Conjunctival pigmentations, bilateral
H11.151	Pinguecula, right eye
H11.152	Pinguecula, left eye
H11.153	Pinguecula, bilateral
H11.211	Conjunctival adhesions and strands (localized), right eye
H11.212	Conjunctival adhesions and strands (localized), left eye
H11.213	Conjunctival adhesions and strands (localized), bilateral
H11.221	Conjunctival granuloma, right eye
H11.222	Conjunctival granuloma, left eye
H11.223	Conjunctival granuloma, bilateral
H11.231	Symblepharon, right eye
H11.232	Symblepharon, left eye
H11.233	Symblepharon, bilateral
H11.241	Scarring of conjunctiva, right eye
H11.242	Scarring of conjunctiva, left eye
H11.243	Scarring of conjunctiva, bilateral
H11.31	Conjunctival hemorrhage, right eye
H11.32	Conjunctival hemorrhage, left eye
H11.33	Conjunctival hemorrhage, bilateral
H11.411	Vascular abnormalities of conjunctiva, right eye
H11.412	Vascular abnormalities of conjunctiva, left eye
H11.413	Vascular abnormalities of conjunctiva, bilateral
H11.421	Conjunctival edema, right eye
H11.422	Conjunctival edema, left eye
H11.423	Conjunctival edema, bilateral
H11.431	Conjunctival hyperemia, right eye

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H11.432	Conjunctival hyperemia, left eye
H11.433	Conjunctival hyperemia, bilateral
H11.441	Conjunctival cysts, right eye
H11.442	Conjunctival cysts, left eye
H11.443	Conjunctival cysts, bilateral
H11.811	Pseudopterygium of conjunctiva, right eye
H11.812	Pseudopterygium of conjunctiva, left eye
H11.813	Pseudopterygium of conjunctiva, bilateral
H11.821	Conjunctivochalasis, right eye
H11.822	Conjunctivochalasis, left eye
H11.823	Conjunctivochalasis, bilateral
H15.011	Anterior scleritis, right eye
H15.012	Anterior scleritis, left eye
H15.013	Anterior scleritis, bilateral
H15.021	Brawny scleritis, right eye
H15.022	Brawny scleritis, left eye
H15.023	Brawny scleritis, bilateral
H15.031	Posterior scleritis, right eye
H15.032	Posterior scleritis, left eye
H15.033	Posterior scleritis, bilateral
H15.041	Scleritis with corneal involvement, right eye
H15.042	Scleritis with corneal involvement, left eye
H15.043	Scleritis with corneal involvement, bilateral
H15.051	Scleromalacia perforans, right eye
H15.052	Scleromalacia perforans, left eye
H15.053	Scleromalacia perforans, bilateral
H15.111	Episcleritis periodica fugax, right eye
H15.112	Episcleritis periodica fugax, left eye
H15.113	Episcleritis periodica fugax, bilateral
H15.121	Nodular episcleritis, right eye
H15.122	Nodular episcleritis, left eye
H15.123	Nodular episcleritis, bilateral
H15.811	Equatorial staphyloma, right eye
H15.812	Equatorial staphyloma, left eye
H15.813	Equatorial staphyloma, bilateral
H15.821	Localized anterior staphyloma, right eye
H15.822	Localized anterior staphyloma, left eye
H15.823	Localized anterior staphyloma, bilateral
H15.831	Staphyloma posticum, right eye
H15.832	Staphyloma posticum, left eye
H15.833	Staphyloma posticum, bilateral
H15.841	Scleral ectasia, right eye

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H15.842	Scleral ectasia, left eye
H15.843	Scleral ectasia, bilateral
H15.851	Ring staphyloma, right eye
H15.852	Ring staphyloma, left eye
H15.853	Ring staphyloma, bilateral
H16.011	Central corneal ulcer, right eye
H16.012	Central corneal ulcer, left eye
H16.013	Central corneal ulcer, bilateral
H16.021	Ring corneal ulcer, right eye
H16.022	Ring corneal ulcer, left eye
H16.023	Ring corneal ulcer, bilateral
H16.031	Corneal ulcer with hypopyon, right eye
H16.032	Corneal ulcer with hypopyon, left eye
H16.033	Corneal ulcer with hypopyon, bilateral
H16.041	Marginal corneal ulcer, right eye
H16.042	Marginal corneal ulcer, left eye
H16.043	Marginal corneal ulcer, bilateral
H16.051	Mooren's corneal ulcer, right eye
H16.052	Mooren's corneal ulcer, left eye
H16.053	Mooren's corneal ulcer, bilateral
H16.061	Mycotic corneal ulcer, right eye
H16.062	Mycotic corneal ulcer, left eye
H16.063	Mycotic corneal ulcer, bilateral
H16.071	Perforated corneal ulcer, right eye
H16.072	Perforated corneal ulcer, left eye
H16.073	Perforated corneal ulcer, bilateral
H16.111	Macular keratitis, right eye
H16.112	Macular keratitis, left eye
H16.113	Macular keratitis, bilateral
H16.121	Filamentary keratitis, right eye
H16.122	Filamentary keratitis, left eye
H16.123	Filamentary keratitis, bilateral
H16.131	Photokeratitis, right eye
H16.132	Photokeratitis, left eye
H16.133	Photokeratitis, bilateral
H16.141	Punctate keratitis, right eye
H16.142	Punctate keratitis, left eye
H16.143	Punctate keratitis, bilateral
H16.211	Exposure keratoconjunctivitis, right eye
H16.212	Exposure keratoconjunctivitis, left eye
H16.213	Exposure keratoconjunctivitis, bilateral
H16.221	Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, not specified as Sjogren's, right eye

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H16.222	Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, not specified as Sjogren's, left eye
H16.223	Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, not specified as Sjogren's, bilateral
H16.231	Neurotrophic keratoconjunctivitis, right eye
H16.232	Neurotrophic keratoconjunctivitis, left eye
H16.233	Neurotrophic keratoconjunctivitis, bilateral
H16.251	Phlyctenular keratoconjunctivitis, right eye
H16.252	Phlyctenular keratoconjunctivitis, left eye
H16.253	Phlyctenular keratoconjunctivitis, bilateral
H16.261	Vernal keratoconjunctivitis, with limbar and corneal involvement, right eye
H16.262	Vernal keratoconjunctivitis, with limbar and corneal involvement, left eye
H16.263	Vernal keratoconjunctivitis, with limbar and corneal involvement, bilateral
H16.311	Corneal abscess, right eye
H16.312	Corneal abscess, left eye
H16.313	Corneal abscess, bilateral
H16.321	Diffuse interstitial keratitis, right eye
H16.322	Diffuse interstitial keratitis, left eye
H16.323	Diffuse interstitial keratitis, bilateral
H16.331	Sclerosing keratitis, right eye
H16.332	Sclerosing keratitis, left eye
H16.333	Sclerosing keratitis, bilateral
H16.411	Ghost vessels (corneal), right eye
H16.412	Ghost vessels (corneal), left eye
H16.413	Ghost vessels (corneal), bilateral
H16.421	Pannus (corneal), right eye
H16.422	Pannus (corneal), left eye
H16.423	Pannus (corneal), bilateral
H16.431	Localized vascularization of cornea, right eye
H16.432	Localized vascularization of cornea, left eye
H16.433	Localized vascularization of cornea, bilateral
H16.441	Deep vascularization of cornea, right eye
H16.442	Deep vascularization of cornea, left eye
H16.443	Deep vascularization of cornea, bilateral
H17.01	Adherent leukoma, right eye
H17.02	Adherent leukoma, left eye
H17.03	Adherent leukoma, bilateral
H17.11	Central corneal opacity, right eye
H17.12	Central corneal opacity, left eye
H17.13	Central corneal opacity, bilateral
H17.811	Minor opacity of cornea, right eye
H17.812	Minor opacity of cornea, left eye
H17.813	Minor opacity of cornea, bilateral

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H17.821	Peripheral opacity of cornea, right eye
H17.822	Peripheral opacity of cornea, left eye
H17.823	Peripheral opacity of cornea, bilateral
H18.011	Anterior corneal pigmentations, right eye
H18.012	Anterior corneal pigmentations, left eye
H18.013	Anterior corneal pigmentations, bilateral
H18.021	Argentous corneal deposits, right eye
H18.022	Argentous corneal deposits, left eye
H18.023	Argentous corneal deposits, bilateral
H18.031	Corneal deposits in metabolic disorders, right eye
H18.032	Corneal deposits in metabolic disorders, left eye
H18.033	Corneal deposits in metabolic disorders, bilateral
H18.041	Kayser-Fleischer ring, right eye
H18.042	Kayser-Fleischer ring, left eye
H18.043	Kayser-Fleischer ring, bilateral
H18.051	Posterior corneal pigmentations, right eye
H18.052	Posterior corneal pigmentations, left eye
H18.053	Posterior corneal pigmentations, bilateral
H18.061	Stromal corneal pigmentations, right eye
H18.062	Stromal corneal pigmentations, left eye
H18.063	Stromal corneal pigmentations, bilateral
H18.11	Bullous keratopathy, right eye
H18.12	Bullous keratopathy, left eye
H18.13	Bullous keratopathy, bilateral
H18.211	Corneal edema secondary to contact lens, right eye
H18.212	Corneal edema secondary to contact lens, left eye
H18.213	Corneal edema secondary to contact lens, bilateral
H18.221	Idiopathic corneal edema, right eye
H18.222	Idiopathic corneal edema, left eye
H18.223	Idiopathic corneal edema, bilateral
H18.231	Secondary corneal edema, right eye
H18.232	Secondary corneal edema, left eye
H18.233	Secondary corneal edema, bilateral
H18.311	Folds and rupture in Bowman's membrane, right eye
H18.312	Folds and rupture in Bowman's membrane, left eye
H18.313	Folds and rupture in Bowman's membrane, bilateral
H18.321	Folds in Descemet's membrane, right eye
H18.322	Folds in Descemet's membrane, left eye
H18.323	Folds in Descemet's membrane, bilateral
H18.331	Rupture in Descemet's membrane, right eye
H18.332	Rupture in Descemet's membrane, left eye

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H18.333	Rupture in Descemet's membrane, bilateral
H18.411	Arcus senilis, right eye
H18.412	Arcus senilis, left eye
H18.413	Arcus senilis, bilateral
H18.421	Band keratopathy, right eye
H18.422	Band keratopathy, left eye
H18.423	Band keratopathy, bilateral
H18.441	Keratomalacia, right eye
H18.442	Keratomalacia, left eye
H18.443	Keratomalacia, bilateral
H18.451	Nodular corneal degeneration, right eye
H18.452	Nodular corneal degeneration, left eye
H18.453	Nodular corneal degeneration, bilateral
H18.461	Peripheral corneal degeneration, right eye
H18.462	Peripheral corneal degeneration, left eye
H18.463	Peripheral corneal degeneration, bilateral
H18.51	Endothelial corneal dystrophy
H18.52	Epithelial (juvenile) corneal dystrophy
H18.53	Granular corneal dystrophy
H18.54	Lattice corneal dystrophy
H18.55	Macular corneal dystrophy
H18.611	Keratoconus, stable, right eye
H18.612	Keratoconus, stable, left eye
H18.613	Keratoconus, stable, bilateral
H18.621	Keratoconus, unstable, right eye
H18.622	Keratoconus, unstable, left eye
H18.623	Keratoconus, unstable, bilateral
H18.711	Corneal ectasia, right eye
H18.712	Corneal ectasia, left eye
H18.713	Corneal ectasia, bilateral
H18.721	Corneal staphyloma, right eye
H18.722	Corneal staphyloma, left eye
H18.723	Corneal staphyloma, bilateral
H18.731	Descemetocele, right eye
H18.732	Descemetocele, left eye
H18.733	Descemetocele, bilateral
H18.811	Anesthesia and hypoesthesia of cornea right eye
H18.812	Anesthesia and hypoesthesia of cornea left eye
H18.813	Anesthesia and hypoesthesia of cornea bilateral
H18.821	Corneal disorder due to contact lens right eye
H18.822	Corneal disorder due to contact lens left eye
H18.823	Corneal disorder due to contact lens bilateral

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H18.831	Recurrent erosion of cornea, right eye
H18.832	Recurrent erosion of cornea, left eye
H18.833	Recurrent erosion of cornea, bilateral
H20.011	Primary iridocyclitis, right eye
H20.012	Primary iridocyclitis, left eye
H20.013	Primary iridocyclitis, bilateral
H20.021	Recurrent acute iridocyclitis, right eye
H20.022	Recurrent acute iridocyclitis, left eye
H20.023	Recurrent acute iridocyclitis, bilateral
H20.031	Secondary infectious iridocyclitis, right eye
H20.032	Secondary infectious iridocyclitis, left eye
H20.033	Secondary infectious iridocyclitis, bilateral
H20.041	Secondary noninfectious iridocyclitis, right eye
H20.042	Secondary noninfectious iridocyclitis, left eye
H20.043	Secondary noninfectious iridocyclitis, bilateral
H20.051	Hypopyon, right eye
H20.052	Hypopyon, left eye
H20.053	Hypopyon, bilateral
H21.01	Hyphema, right eye
H21.02	Hyphema, left eye
H21.03	Hyphema, bilateral
H21.211	Degeneration of chamber angle, right eye
H21.212	Degeneration of chamber angle, left eye
H21.213	Degeneration of chamber angle, bilateral
H21.221	Degeneration of ciliary body, right eye
H21.222	Degeneration of ciliary body, left eye
H21.223	Degeneration of ciliary body, bilateral
H21.231	Degeneration of iris (pigmentary), right eye
H21.232	Degeneration of iris (pigmentary), left eye
H21.233	Degeneration of iris (pigmentary), bilateral
H21.241	Degeneration of pupillary margin, right eye
H21.242	Degeneration of pupillary margin, left eye
H21.243	Degeneration of pupillary margin, bilateral
H21.251	Iridoschisis, right eye
H21.252	Iridoschisis, left eye
H21.253	Iridoschisis, bilateral
H21.261	Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive), right eye
H21.262	Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive), left eye
H21.263	Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive), bilateral
H21.271	Miotic pupillary cyst, right eye
H21.272	Miotic pupillary cyst, left eye
H21.273	Miotic pupillary cyst, bilateral

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H21.301	Idiopathic cysts of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber, right eye
H21.302	Idiopathic cysts of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber, left eye
H21.303	Idiopathic cysts of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber, bilateral
H21.311	Exudative cysts of iris or anterior chamber, right eye
H21.312	Exudative cysts of iris or anterior chamber, left eye
H21.313	Exudative cysts of iris or anterior chamber, bilateral
H21.321	Implantation cysts of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber, right eye
H21.322	Implantation cysts of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber, left eye
H21.323	Implantation cysts of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber, bilateral
H21.341	Primary cyst of pars plana, right eye
H21.342	Primary cyst of pars plana, left eye
H21.343	Primary cyst of pars plana, bilateral
H21.351	Exudative cyst of pars plana, right eye
H21.352	Exudative cyst of pars plana, left eye
H21.353	Exudative cyst of pars plana, bilateral
H21.41	Pupillary membranes, right eye
H21.42	Pupillary membranes, left eye
H21.43	Pupillary membranes, bilateral
H21.511	Anterior synechiae (iris), right eye
H21.512	Anterior synechiae (iris), left eye
H21.513	Anterior synechiae (iris), bilateral
H21.521	Goniosynechiae, right eye
H21.522	Goniosynechiae, left eye
H21.523	Goniosynechiae, bilateral
H21.531	Iridodialysis, right eye
H21.532	Iridodialysis, left eye
H21.533	Iridodialysis, bilateral
H21.541	Posterior synechiae (iris), right eye
H21.542	Posterior synechiae (iris), left eye
H21.543	Posterior synechiae (iris), bilateral
H21.551	Recession of chamber angle, right eye
H21.552	Recession of chamber angle, left eye
H21.553	Recession of chamber angle, bilateral
H40.1411	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, right eye, mild stage
H40.1412	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, right eye, moderate stage
H40.1413	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, right eye, severe stage
H40.1421	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, left eye, mild stage
H40.1422	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, left eye, moderate stage
H40.1423	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, left eye, severe stage

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H40.1431	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, bilateral, mild stage
H40.1432	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.1433	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, bilateral, severe stage
H40.51X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, mild stage
H40.51X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, moderate stage
H40.51X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, severe stage
H40.52X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, mild stage
H40.52X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, moderate stage
H40.52X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, severe stage
H40.53.X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, mild stage
H40.53.X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.53.X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, severe stage
H57.811	Brow ptosis, right
H57.812	Brow ptosis, left
H57.813	Brow ptosis, bilateral
L12.1	Cicatricial pemphigoid
Q10.0	Congenital ptosis
Q13.0	Coloboma of iris
S01.111A	Laceration without foreign body of right eyelid and periocular area initial encounter
S01.111D	Laceration without foreign body of right eyelid and periocular area subsequent encounter
S01.111S	Laceration without foreign body of right eyelid and periocular area sequela
S01.112A	Laceration without foreign body of left eyelid and periocular area initial encounter
S01.112D	Laceration without foreign body of left eyelid and periocular area subsequent encounter
S01.112S	Laceration without foreign body of left eyelid and periocular area sequela
S01.121A	Laceration with foreign body of right eyelid and periocular area initial encounter
S01.121D	Laceration with foreign body of right eyelid and periocular area subsequent encounter
S01.121S	Laceration with foreign body of right eyelid and periocular area sequela
S01.122A	Laceration with foreign body of left eyelid and periocular area initial encounter
S01.122D	Laceration with foreign body of left eyelid and periocular area subsequent encounter
S01.122S	Laceration with foreign body of left eyelid and periocular area sequela
S01.131A	Puncture wound without foreign body of right eyelid and periocular area initial encounter
S01.131D	Puncture wound without foreign body of right eyelid and periocular area subsequent encounter
S01.131S	Puncture wound without foreign body of right eyelid and periocular area sequela

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ICD-10-CM Code	Description
S01.132A	Puncture wound without foreign body of left eyelid and periorcular area initial encounter
S01.132D	Puncture wound without foreign body of left eyelid and periorcular area subsequent encounter
S01.132S	Puncture wound without foreign body of left eyelid and periorcular area sequela
S01.141A	Puncture wound with foreign body of right eyelid and periorcular area initial encounter
S01.141D	Puncture wound with foreign body of right eyelid and periorcular area subsequent encounter
S01.141S	Puncture wound with foreign body of right eyelid and periorcular area sequela
S01.142A	Puncture wound with foreign body of left eyelid and periorcular area initial encounter
S01.142D	Puncture wound with foreign body of left eyelid and periorcular area subsequent encounter
S01.142S	Puncture wound with foreign body of left eyelid and periorcular area sequela
S01.151A	Open bite of right eyelid and periorcular area initial encounter
S01.151D	Open bite of right eyelid and periorcular area subsequent encounter
S01.151S	Open bite of right eyelid and periorcular area sequela
S01.152A	Open bite of left eyelid and periorcular area initial encounter
S01.152D	Open bite of left eyelid and periorcular area subsequent encounter
S01.152S	Open bite of left eyelid and periorcular area sequela
S02.31XA	Fracture of orbital floor, right side, initial encounter for closed fracture
S02.31XB	Fracture of orbital floor, right side, initial encounter for open fracture
S02.31XD	Fracture of orbital floor, right side, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S02.31XG	Fracture of orbital floor, right side, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S02.31XK	Fracture of orbital floor, right side, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S02.31XS	Fracture of orbital floor, right side, sequela
S02.32XA	Fracture of orbital floor, left side, initial encounter for closed fracture
S02.32XB	Fracture of orbital floor, left side, initial encounter for open fracture
S02.32XD	Fracture of orbital floor, left side, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S02.32XG	Fracture of orbital floor, left side, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S02.32XK	Fracture of orbital floor, left side, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S02.32XS	Fracture of orbital floor, left side, sequela
S05.21XA	Ocular laceration and rupture with prolapse or loss of intraocular tissue right eye initial encounter

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S05.21XD	Ocular laceration and rupture with prolapse or loss of intraocular tissue right eye subsequent encounter
S05.21XS	Ocular laceration and rupture with prolapse or loss of intraocular tissue right eye sequela
S05.22XA	Ocular laceration and rupture with prolapse or loss of intraocular tissue left eye initial encounter
S05.22XD	Ocular laceration and rupture with prolapse or loss of intraocular tissue left eye subsequent encounter
S05.22XS	Ocular laceration and rupture with prolapse or loss of intraocular tissue left eye sequela
S05.31XA	Ocular laceration without prolapse or loss of intraocular tissue right eye initial encounter
S05.31XD	Ocular laceration without prolapse or loss of intraocular tissue right eye subsequent encounter
S05.31XS	Ocular laceration without prolapse or loss of intraocular tissue right eye sequela
S05.32XA	Ocular laceration without prolapse or loss of intraocular tissue left eye initial encounter
S05.32XD	Ocular laceration without prolapse or loss of intraocular tissue left eye subsequent encounter
S05.32XS	Ocular laceration without prolapse or loss of intraocular tissue left eye sequela
S05.41XA	Penetrating wound of orbit with or without foreign body right eye initial encounter
S05.41XD	Penetrating wound of orbit with or without foreign body right eye subsequent encounter
S05.41XS	Penetrating wound of orbit with or without foreign body right eye sequela
S05.42XA	Penetrating wound of orbit with or without foreign body left eye initial encounter
S05.42XD	Penetrating wound of orbit with or without foreign body left eye subsequent encounter
S05.42XS	Penetrating wound of orbit with or without foreign body left eye sequela
S05.51XA	Penetrating wound with foreign body of right eyeball initial encounter
S05.51XD	Penetrating wound with foreign body of right eyeball subsequent encounter
S05.51XS	Penetrating wound with foreign body of right eyeball sequela
S05.52XA	Penetrating wound with foreign body of left eyeball initial encounter
S05.52XD	Penetrating wound with foreign body of left eyeball subsequent encounter
S05.52XS	Penetrating wound with foreign body of left eyeball sequela
S05.61XA	Penetrating wound without foreign body of right eyeball initial encounter
S05.61XD	Penetrating wound without foreign body of right eyeball subsequent encounter
S05.61XS	Penetrating wound without foreign body of right eyeball sequela
S05.62XA	Penetrating wound without foreign body of left eyeball initial encounter
S05.62XD	Penetrating wound without foreign body of left eyeball subsequent encounter

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S05.62XS	Penetrating wound without foreign body of left eyeball sequela
S05.71XA	Avulsion of right eye initial encounter
S05.71XD	Avulsion of right eye subsequent encounter
S05.71XS	Avulsion of right eye sequela
S05.72XA	Avulsion of left eye initial encounter
S05.72XD	Avulsion of left eye subsequent encounter
S05.72XS	Avulsion of left eye sequela
T26.01XA	Burn of right eyelid and periocular area, initial encounter
T26.01XD	Burn of right eyelid and periocular area, subsequent encounter
T26.01XS	Burn of right eyelid and periocular area, sequela
T26.02XA	Burn of left eyelid and periocular area, initial encounter
T26.02XD	Burn of left eyelid and periocular area, subsequent encounter
T26.02XS	Burn of left eyelid and periocular area sequela
T26.11XA	Burn of cornea and conjunctival sac, right eye, initial encounter
T26.11XD	Burn of cornea and conjunctival sac, right eye, subsequent encounter
T26.11XS	Burn of cornea and conjunctival sac, right eye, sequela
T26.12XA	Burn of cornea and conjunctival sac, left eye, initial encounter
T26.12XD	Burn of cornea and conjunctival sac, left eye, subsequent encounter
T26.12XS	Burn of cornea and conjunctival sac, left eye, sequela
T26.21XA	Burn with resulting rupture and destruction of right eyeball, initial encounter
T26.21XD	Burn with resulting rupture and destruction of right eyeball, subsequent encounter
T26.21XS	Burn with resulting rupture and destruction of right eyeball, sequela
T26.22XA	Burn with resulting rupture and destruction of left eyeball, initial encounter
T26.22XD	Burn with resulting rupture and destruction of left eyeball, subsequent encounter
T26.22XS	Burn with resulting rupture and destruction of left eyeball, sequela
T26.51XA	Corrosion of right eyelid and periocular area, initial encounter
T26.51XD	Corrosion of right eyelid and periocular area, subsequent encounter
T26.51XS	Corrosion of right eyelid and periocular area, sequela
T26.52XA	Corrosion of left eyelid and periocular area, initial encounter
T26.52XD	Corrosion of left eyelid and periocular area, subsequent encounter
T26.52XS	Corrosion of left eyelid and periocular area, sequela
T26.61XA	Corrosion of cornea and conjunctival sac, right eye, initial encounter
T26.61XD	Corrosion of cornea and conjunctival sac, right eye, subsequent encounter
T26.61XS	Corrosion of cornea and conjunctival sac, right eye, sequela
T26.62XA	Corrosion of cornea and conjunctival sac, left eye, initial encounter
T26.62XD	Corrosion of cornea and conjunctival sac, left eye, subsequent encounter
T26.62XS	Corrosion of cornea and conjunctival sac, left eye, sequela

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ICD-10-CM Code	Description
T26.71XA	Corrosion with resulting rupture and destruction of right eyeball, initial encounter
T26.71XD	Corrosion with resulting rupture and destruction of right eyeball, subsequent encounter
T26.71XS	Corrosion with resulting rupture and destruction of right eyeball, sequela
T26.72XA	Corrosion with resulting rupture and destruction of left eyeball, initial encounter
T26.72XD	Corrosion with resulting rupture and destruction of left eyeball, subsequent encounter
T26.72XS	Corrosion with resulting rupture and destruction of left eyeball, sequela
T26.81XA	Corrosions of other specified parts of right eye and adnexa, initial encounter
T26.81XD	Corrosions of other specified parts of right eye and adnexa, subsequent encounter
T26.81XS	Corrosions of other specified parts of right eye and adnexa, sequela
T26.82XA	Corrosions of other specified parts of left eye and adnexa, initial encounter
T26.82XD	Corrosions of other specified parts of left eye and adnexa, subsequent encounter
T26.82XS	Corrosions of other specified parts of left eye and adnexa, sequela

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