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READER QUESTIONS: Look To Unspecified Code For Organic Brain Syndrome

Question: Our new patient has organic brain syndrome secondary to anoxic brain injury due to cardiac arrest during a procedure. How should I code for him?

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Answer: For this patient, list the following diagnosis codes:

- M0230a: 997.01 (Central nervous system complication) and
- M0240b: 310.9 (Unspecified nonpsychotic mental disorder following organic brain damage).

You might also want to list 997.1 (Cardiac complications) and 427.5 (Cardiac arrest).

Watch for: New ICD-9-CM codes for 2008 will include a code for history of cardiac arrest, which would be more appropriate for this patient.