

# Diabetic Complications – which ones require linking verbiage?



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The “with” guideline that assumes causal relationship between Diabetes and certain complications does not apply to “not elsewhere classified (NEC)” index entries that cover broad categories of conditions that could or could not be Diabetes related. Coding professionals cannot assume a causal relationship when the diabetic complication is “NEC”.

## Commonly seen Diabetic complications that require this linking verbiage:

*(Linking verbiage must be in providers own words not only included in Epic Diagnosis)*

- E11.29** – DM with other kidney complication *(frequently utilized for DM with microalbuminuria)*
- E11.39** – DM with other ophthalmic complication *(frequently utilized for DM with Glaucoma)*
- E11.49** – DM with other Neurologic complication
- E11.59** – DM with other circulatory complication *(frequently utilized for DM with HTN)*
- E11.69** – DM with other specified complication *(frequently utilized for DM with, HLD, Morbid Obesity, ED etc.)*
- E11.618** – Diabetes with arthropathy
- E11.622** – DM with other skin ulcer *(DM with vascular related ulcers not located on the foot)*
- E11.628** – DM with other Skin complication *(DM with Candidal infections)*
- E11.638** – DM with other oral complication *(DM with Thrush)*

## Acceptable linking verbiage

*associated with, due to, Diabetic, complicating, related to, secondary to*

*Also require secondary ICD-10s to specify the complication*

