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## Acidosis

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- Acidosis is often underdiagnosed by providers because it frequently occurs with other disease processes like sepsis.
  - Lactic acidosis is not considered integral to sepsis so it can also be reported as an additional diagnosis when clinically indicated.
- Beginning October 1, 2022, the ICD-10 code set has expanded its ability to capture acidosis. Previously, all types of acidosis were reported with the same ICD-10 code. The one code for acidosis (E87.2) has been expanded into four different codes beginning October 1, 2022.
  - If **lactic acidosis** or **metabolic acidosis** is documented the code for **acidosis, unspecified** will be reported.
  - Metabolic acidosis should now be further **specified as acute or chronic** for accurate code assignment.
    - Acute metabolic acidosis will be coded as **acute metabolic acidosis**.
    - Chronic metabolic acidosis will be coded as **chronic metabolic acidosis**.
    - Metabolic acidosis will be coded as **acidosis, unspecified**.
  - If **respiratory acidosis** is documented, the code for **other acidosis** will be reported.
  - BUT, and this is a significant change:
    - If **acute respiratory acidosis** is documented. the code for **acute respiratory failure with hypercapnia** will be reported (J96.02).
    - If **chronic respiratory acidosis** is documented, **chronic respiratory failure with hypercapnia** will be reported (J96.12).