

# EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 1, 2023

## ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes Are Available for Desmoid Tumors

**Desmoid tumors are rare, locally aggressive soft tissue tumors** that are proliferative, can be debilitating, disfiguring, and potentially life-threatening in rare cases when vital organs are impacted.<sup>1</sup>

Initial misdiagnosis of desmoid tumors occurs in approximately 30% to 40% of cases,<sup>2</sup> and these **diagnostic delays may be reduced through timely and accurate coding.**



To learn more about desmoid tumors, scan this QR code, or visit [DesmoidTumors.com/hcp](https://DesmoidTumors.com/hcp)

### Example of a desmoid tumor in the left leg<sup>3</sup>



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Until October 1, 2023, desmoid tumors fell under an ICD-10-CM code (D48.1) covering a variety of connective and soft tissue tumors of “uncertain behavior.”<sup>4</sup>

### The availability of location-specific ICD-10-CM codes may help:



Support increased identification of patients with desmoid tumors



Improve visibility into the journey of patients with desmoid tumors



Enable healthcare providers to appropriately document diagnosis of patients with desmoid tumors

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code <sup>5</sup>	Description <sup>5</sup>
D48.11	Desmoid tumor (category heading)
D48.110	Desmoid tumor of head and neck
D48.111	Desmoid tumor of chest wall
D48.112	Desmoid tumor, intrathoracic
D48.113	Desmoid tumor of abdominal wall
D48.114	Desmoid tumor, intraabdominal Desmoid tumor of pelvic cavity Desmoid tumor, peritoneal, retroperitoneal
D48.115	Desmoid tumor of upper extremity and shoulder girdle
D48.116	Desmoid tumor of lower extremity and pelvic girdle Desmoid tumor of buttock
D48.117	Desmoid tumor of back
D48.118	Desmoid tumor of other site
D48.119	Desmoid tumor of unspecified site

ICD-10-CM=International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification.

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