

# Searching & Assigning ICD9 codes for Developmental Disabilities (DD)

The following ICD 9 codes are provided for the purposes of both searching your EMR to identify patients with DD, and to also provide examples of how you may wish to link their diagnostic information (if available) to an ICD 9 code. (Although DSM5 and ICD10 use intellectual disability rather than “mental retardation” most EMRs in Ontario that use codes use ICD-9).

If the IQ level is not known, use **319 - Mental Retardation NOS** (not otherwise specified).  
 If the IQ level is known, use one of the following codes: **3179, 3180, 3181 or 3182**.

IQ	Add to Disease Registry	ICD-9 Code
50 - 70	MILD MENTAL RETARDATION	3179
35 - 49	MOD MENTAL RETARDATION	3180
20 - 34	SEVERE MENTAL RETARDATION	3181
Under 20	PROFOUND MENTAL RETARDATION	3182

It would also be helpful to document the etiology of the developmental disability, or conditions that may be associated with the DD, if known, e.g.:

Diagnosed Disorder	Add to Disease Registry	ICD-9 Code
Down Syndrome	DOWN'S SYNDROME	7580
Fragile X Syndrome	FRAGILE X SYNDROME	75983
Prader-Willi Syndrome	PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME	75981
Smith-Magenis Syndrome	AUTOSOMAL DELETION SYND	7583
22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome	AUTOSOMAL DELETION SYND	7583
Autism Spectrum Disorder	INFANTILE AUTISM*	2990
Asperger's Syndrome	INFANTILE AUTISM*	2990
Rett Syndrome	CEREBRAL DEGEN IN CHILD*	330
Williams Syndrome	CHROMOSOMAL ANOMALIES*	758
Cerebral Palsy	INFANTILE CEREBRAL PALSY NOS*	3430
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	MATERNAL ALCOHOL AFF NB	76071