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Overview

Title	Seizure Algorithm Defined in "Ranexa (Ranolazine) and Seizures"
Request ID	cder_mpl2p_wp002_nsdp_v01, cder_mpl2p_wp006_nsdp_v01
Description	<p>This report lists International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Edition, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) diagnosis codes and algorithms used to define seizures in these requests.</p> <p>For additional information about the algorithm and how it was defined relative to the cohort and exposures of interest in the inferential analyses, see the Modular Program reports here: https://www.sentinelinitiative.org/drugs/assessments/ranexa-ranolazine-and-seizures.</p>
Outcome	Seizures
Algorithm to Define Outcome	Evidence of an ICD-9-CM code used to define seizure in the Inpatient in any diagnosis position or Emergency Department care setting
Query Period	2006-2017
Request Send Date	November 18, 2016; November 9, 2017



Glossary

Care Setting - type of medical encounter or facility where the exposure, event, or condition code was recorded. Possible care settings include: Inpatient Hospital Stay (IP), Non-Acute Institutional Stay (IS), Emergency Department (ED), Ambulatory Visit (AV), and Other Ambulatory Visit (OA). For laboratory results, possible care settings include: Emergency department (E), Home (H), Inpatient (I), Outpatient (O), or Unknown or missing (U)

Outcome - outcome of interest (either primary or secondary)

Principal Diagnosis (PDX) - diagnosis or condition established to be chiefly responsible for admission of the patient to the hospital. 'P' = principal diagnosis, 'S' = secondary diagnosis, 'X' = unspecified diagnosis, '.' = blank. Along with the Care Setting values, forms the Caresetting/PDX parameter.

Query Period - period in which the modular program looks for exposures and outcomes of interest

Request Send Date - date the request was sent to Sentinel Data Partners



International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Edition, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) Diagnosis Codes Used to Define Seizures in this Request

ICD-9-CM Codes	Description
345	Epilepsy and recurrent seizures
345*	Epilepsy and recurrent seizures
345**	Epilepsy and recurrent seizures
780.3	Convulsions
780.3*	Convulsions
333.2	Myoclonus

Note: Codes containing "*" indicate wildcards. Wildcards are used to represent a digit 0-9 or a letter A-Z. Wildcards are always indicative of one character. For example, "250*" will always expand into a four-digit code, never a five-digit code, while "250**" will always expand into a five-digit code.