

Canadian Emergency Department Information System (CEDIS) Presenting Complaint List for Use With NACRS (v.5.1)

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Cardiovascular (001–050)

Code	Description
001	Cardiac arrest (non-traumatic)
002	Cardiac arrest (traumatic)
003	Chest pain — cardiac features
004	Chest pain — non-cardiac features
005	Palpitations/irregular heartbeat
006	Hypertension
007	General weakness
008	Syncope/pre-syncope
009	Edema, generalized
010	Leg swelling/edema
011	Cool pulseless limb
012	Unilateral reddened hot limb



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ENT — Ears (051–100)

Code	Description
051	Earache
052	Foreign body, ear
053	Loss of hearing
054	Tinnitus
055	Discharge, ear
056	Ear injury

ENT — Mouth, Throat, Neck (101–150)

Code	Description
101	Dental/gum problem
102	Facial trauma
103	Sore throat
104	Neck swelling/pain
105	Neck trauma
106	Difficulty swallowing/dysphagia
107	Facial pain (non-traumatic/non-dental)

ENT — Nose (151–200)

Code	Description
151	Epistaxis
152	Nasal congestion/hay fever
153	Foreign body, nose
154	URTI complaints
155	Nasal trauma

Environmental (201–250)

Code	Description
201	Frostbite/cold injury
202	Noxious inhalation
203	Electrical injury
204	Chemical exposure
205	Hypothermia
206	Drowning
207	Heat-related issue

Gastrointestinal (251–300)

Code	Description
251	Abdominal pain
252	Anorexia
253	Constipation
254	Diarrhea
255	Foreign body in rectum
256	Groin pain/mass
257	Nausea and/or vomiting
258	Rectal/perineal pain
259	Vomiting blood
260	Blood in stool/melena
261	Jaundice
262	Hiccoughs
263	Abdominal mass/distention
264	Anal/rectal trauma
265	Oral/esophageal foreign body
266	Feeding difficulties in newborn
267	Neonatal jaundice

Genitourinary (301–350)

Code	Description
301	Flank pain
302	Hematuria
303	Genital discharge/lesion
304	Penile swelling
305	Scrotal pain and/or swelling
306	Urinary retention
307	UTI complaints
308	Oliguria
309	Polyuria
310	Genital trauma

Mental Health (351–400)

Code	Description
351	Depression/suicidal/deliberate self-harm
352	Anxiety/situational crisis
353	Hallucinations/delusions
354	Insomnia
355	Violent/homicidal behaviour
356	Social problem
358	Bizarre behaviour
359	Concern for patient's welfare
360	Pediatric disruptive behaviour

Neurologic (401–450)

Code	Description
401	Altered level of consciousness
402	Confusion
403	Vertigo
404	Headache
405	Seizure
406	Gait disturbance/ataxia
407	Head injury
408	Tremor
409	Extremity weakness/symptoms of CVA
410	Sensory loss/paresthesia
411	Floppy child

OB/GYN (451–500)

Code	Description
451	Menstrual problems
452	Foreign body, vagina
453	Vaginal discharge
454	Sexual assault
455	Vaginal bleed
456	Labial swelling
457	Pregnancy issues, <20 weeks
458	Pregnancy issues, >20 weeks
460	Vaginal pain/dyspareunia
461	Postpartum issues

Ophthalmology (501–550)

Code	Description
502	Chemical exposure, eye
503	Foreign body, eye
504	Visual disturbance
505	Eye pain
506	Red eye, discharge
507	Photophobia
508	Diplopia
509	Periorbital swelling
510	Eye trauma
511	Re-check eye

Orthopedic (551–600)

Code	Description
551	Back pain
552	Traumatic back/spine injury
553	Amputation
554	Upper extremity pain
555	Lower extremity pain
556	Upper extremity injury
557	Lower extremity injury
558	Joint(s) swelling
559	Pediatric gait disorder/painful walk
560	Cast check

Respiratory (651–700)

Code	Description
651	Shortness of breath
652	Respiratory arrest
653	Cough/congestion
654	Hyperventilation
655	Hemoptysis
656	Respiratory foreign body
657	Allergic reaction
658	Stridor
659	Wheezing — no other complaints
660	Apneic spells in infants

Skin (701–750)

Code	Description
701	Bite
702	Sting
703	Abrasion
704	Laceration/puncture
705	Burn
706	Blood and body fluid exposure
707	Pruritus
708	Rash
709	Localized swelling/redness
710	Wound check
711	Other skin conditions
712	Lumps, bumps, calluses
713	Redness/tenderness, breast
714	Rule out infestation

Code	Description
715	Cyanosis
716	Spontaneous bruising
717	Foreign body, skin
719	Removal staples/sutures

Substance Misuse (751–800)

Code	Description
751	Substance misuse/intoxication
752	Overdose ingestion
753	Substance withdrawal

Trauma (801–850)

Code	Description
801	Multisystem trauma — penetrating
802	Multisystem trauma — blunt
803	Isolated chest trauma — penetrating
804	Isolated chest trauma — blunt
805	Isolated abdominal trauma — penetrating
806	Isolated abdominal trauma — blunt

General and Minor (851–900)

Code	Description
851	Exposure to communicable disease
852	Fever
853	Hyperglycemia
854	Hypoglycemia
855	Direct referral for consultation
856	Dressing change
859	Imaging test/blood test
860	Medical device problem
861	Prescription/medication request
862	Ring removal
863	Abnormal lab/imaging results
864	Pallor/anemia
865	Post-operative complications
866	Minor complaints NOS
867	Inconsolable crying
868	Congenital problem in children
869	Newly born
871	Return visit for therapy

Code	Description
998	Patient registered and left prior to triage*
999	Unknown*

Note

* Available for NACRS reporting only.

Sources

Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (CAEP);
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