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## Documentation Dissection

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**PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS:** Diabetic foot ulceration.

**POSTOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS:** Diabetic <sup>[1]</sup> foot ulceration <sup>[2]</sup>.

**OPERATION PERFORMED:** Debridement and split thickness autografting of left foot <sup>[3]</sup>

**ANESTHESIA:** General endotracheal.

**INDICATIONS FOR PROCEDURE:** This patient with multiple complications from type 2 diabetes <sup>[4]</sup> has developed ulcerations with exposure of the fat layer <sup>[5]</sup>. The ulcers were debrided and homografted last week. The homograft is taking quite nicely, the wounds appear to be fairly clean; he is ready for autografting.

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<sup>[1]</sup> The patient has diabetes.

<sup>[2]</sup> The patient has a complication of diabetes which is an ulcer on the foot.

<sup>[3]</sup> The ulcer is on the left foot.

<sup>[4]</sup> The type of diabetes is indicated as type 2.

<sup>[5]</sup> Indicates the depth of the ulcer.

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What ICD-10-CM code(s) is/are reported?

**ICD-10-CM Codes:** E11.621, L97.522

**Rationale:** The patient has type 2 diabetes with left foot ulcerations. Look in the ICD-10-CM Alphabetic Index for Diabetes, diabetic/type2/with/foot ulcer E11.621. In the Tabular List, there is a note to report an additional code to identify the site of the ulcer (L97.4-, L97.5-). Look in the Alphabetic Index for Ulcer/foot and you are directed to see Ulcer, lower limb. Ulcer/lower limb/foot/left/with/exposed fat layer L97.522. Verify the codes in the Tabular List.

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