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Diagnosis – Dry Eye Disease with Hyperosmolarity	ICD-10 ¹
Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, non-Sjögren's syndrome, right eye	H16.221
Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, non-Sjögren's syndrome, left eye	H16.222
Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, non-Sjögren's syndrome, bilateral	H16.223
Meibomian gland dysfunction right eye, upper and lower eyelids	H02.88A
Meibomian gland dysfunction left eye, upper and lower eyelids	H02.88B
Dry eye syndrome of right lacrimal gland	H04.121
Dry eye syndrome of left lacrimal gland	H04.122
Dry eye syndrome of bilateral lacrimal glands	H04.123
Exposure keratoconjunctivitis, right eye	H16.211
Exposure keratoconjunctivitis, left eye	H16.212
Exposure keratoconjunctivitis, bilateral	H16.213
Sicca syndrome (Sjögren) with keratoconjunctivitis	M35.01
Sicca syndrome (Sjögren), unspecified	M35.00
Superficial keratitis, unspecified, right eye	H16.101
Superficial keratitis, unspecified, left eye	H16.102
Superficial keratitis, unspecified, bilateral	H16.103
Filamentary keratitis, right eye	H16.121
Filamentary keratitis, left eye	H16.122
Filamentary keratitis, bilateral	H16.123
Punctate keratitis, right eye	H16.141
Punctate keratitis, left eye	H16.142
Punctate keratitis, bilateral	H16.143
Neurotrophic keratoconjunctivitis, right eye	H16.231
Neurotrophic keratoconjunctivitis, left eye	H16.232
Neurotrophic keratoconjunctivitis, bilateral	H16.233
Recurrent erosion of cornea, right eye	H18.831
Recurrent erosion of cornea, left eye	H18.832
Recurrent erosion of cornea, bilateral	H18.833

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DIAGNOSIS • Dry Eye Symptoms, normal osmolarity • Undiagnosed Dry Eye with Symptoms	ICD-10^{1,2}	OSDI Symptoms^{3,4}	SPEED Symptoms^{5,6}	DEQ-5 Symptoms⁷
Visual discomfort, right eye	H53.141	1. Eyes that are sensitive to light	Eye fatigue	Eye discomfort
Visual discomfort, left eye	H53.142			
Visual discomfort, bilateral	H53.143			
Ocular pain, right eye	H57.11	2. Eyes that feel gritty 3. Painful or sore eyes	Dryness, grittiness or scratchiness Soreness or irritation Burning	Eye discomfort Eye dryness
Ocular pain, left eye	H57.12			
Ocular pain, bilateral	H57.13			
Epiphora, right lacrimal gland	H04.201		Watering	Watery eyes
Epiphora, left lacrimal gland	H04.202			
Epiphora, bilateral lacrimal gland	H04.203			
Other visual disturbances Description synonyms • Blurred vision • Hazy vision • Multiple visual images • Reduced visual acuity • Visual acuity reduced • Visual disturbance, multiple images	H53.8	4. Blurred vision 5. Poor vision		

This information is provided for illustrative purposes only. Providers should follow coding conventions for diagnostic tests as well as payer instructions when selecting appropriate ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes. These are diagnostic codes that are commonly used for dry eye diagnosis or dry eye symptoms as identified in the clinical literature. See Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Pub 100-04), Chapter 23, Section 10.1. Use of codes provided herein does not guarantee payment.

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