

# MDS Question of the Month

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## **P0200E, Wander/elopement alarm.**

**Question:** Should P0200E be coded for a resident(s) who resides on a secured unit that has an alarmed door to enter/exit and will sound if a pin code is not entered? The door is not a universal exit door to the outside of the building, but a door that exits the secure unit into other areas within the facility.

**Answer:** According to page P-9 of the RAI 3.0 User's Manual, "An alarm is any physical or electronic device that monitors resident movement and alerts the staff, by either audible or inaudible means, when movement is detected, and may include bed, chair and floor sensor pads, cords that clip to the resident's clothing, motion sensors, door alarms, or elopement/wandering devices." As such, the assessor would code item P0200 as "E. Wandering/elopement alarm" for any resident(s) living on a unit secured with an alarmed door.

## **O0110EI, Tracheostomy care.**

**Question:** Can the care provided for a laryngeal tube be coded O0110EI, Tracheostomy care?

**Answer:** A tracheostomy is a surgical opening to access the trachea. In these patients, the larynx is intact and there is a connection to the oropharyngeal cavity and digestive tract. After an individual has a laryngectomy, there is no connection to the oropharyngeal cavity or digestive tract, and the patient requires a laryngectomy tube or larytube. Patients with larytubes require routine care, including suctioning and humidification to prevent and manage secretion buildup, similar to tracheostomy care. This care can be captured as O0110E, Tracheostomy care.

## **O0110H1, IV Medications vs. K0520A, Parenteral/IV feeding.**

**Question:** Should potassium phosphate be considered an IV medication or an IV fluid?

**Answer:** Potassium phosphate is an IV medication and would be coded in O0110H1, IV Medications. Potassium phosphate would only be coded in K0520A, Parenteral/IV feeding, if there is supporting documentation that reflects the need for additional fluid intake specifically addressing a nutrition or hydration need beyond what is simply required for diluting the IV medication.

If you have a question you would like to have answered, please submit your question to [Cheryl.Moya@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Moya@odh.ohio.gov) and place **Question of the Month** in the subject line.