# PERINATAL CEREBRAL INFARCTION ICD-10-CM CODE CHANGES

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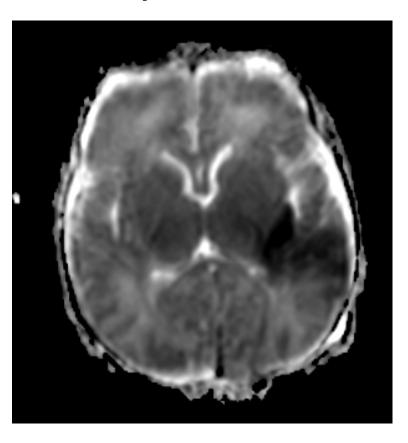
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## **Clinical Presentation**

- Most commonly presents as neonate with seizures or abnormal neurologic exam
- Incidence 1:2500-5000
  - Incidence is increasing due to more sensitive neuroimaging; e.g. MRI
- Etiology and timing usually unclear.
  - Many likely occur in utero

### **CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION**

#### MRI – day 4



#### **Notes in EMR**

- Radiologist Acute (within days) infarct involving the left frontoparietal lobes and posterior left insula corresponding to the left MCA posterior division vascular territory.
- Attending neurologist .
   Perinatal left MCA stroke
   P91.0 Unclear etiology at this time.

# Why do we need a new ICD code?

- Currently coded as
  - P91.0 Cerebral Ischemia
  - 160-169 Cerebrovascular diseases
  - Based on Signs/Symptoms such as seizures, hypotonia
- P91.0 fails to show the severity of the condition (ie, ischemia is always found w/ infarctions) but not all ischemia leads to infarction
- I60-I69 fail to distinguish from stokes occurring in older patients
- Need for tracking, obtaining services such as First Steps early intervention programs American Academy of Pediatrics

# **Code Proposal**

P91.8 Other specified disturbances of cerebral status of newborn

New sub- P91.82 Neonatal cerebral infarction

category

Add Neonatal stroke

Add Perinatal arterial ischemic stroke

Add Perinatal cerebral infarction

Add **Excludes 1**: cerebral infarction (163.-)

Add **Excludes 2**: intracranial hemorrhage of newborn (P52.-)

New code P91.821 Neonatal cerebral infarction, right side

New code P91.822 Neonatal cerebral infarction, left side

New code P91.823 Neonatal cerebral infarction, bilateral

New code P91.829 Neonatal cerebral infarction, unspecified side



## **CODE PROPOSAL**

### 163 Cerebral infarction

- Includes: occlusion and stenosis of cerebral and precerebral arteries, resulting in cerebral infarction
- Add Excludes 1: neonatal cerebral infarction (P91.82-)

P91 Other disturbances of cerebral status of newborn

P91.0 Neonatal cerebral ischemia

Add **Excludes 1**: Neonatal cerebral infarction (P91.82-)

