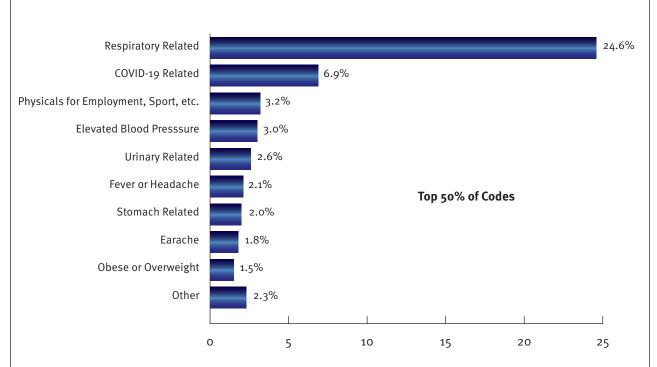


DEVELOPING DATA

Categorization of Codes Most Frequently Used in Urgent Care

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TOP ICD-10 CODES USED IN URGENT CARE IN 2023 BY PERCENT OF ALL CODES



Note: Because multiple codes may be applied to a patient encounter, data is reported as a percent of total codes used. Source: Experity, Inc. Electronic Medical Records Data from 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023. Analysis by Alan Ayers.

nternational Classification of Disease (ICD) codes maintained by the World Health Organization and published in the United States by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services—standardize the categorization and reporting of patient diagnoses. Currently, U.S. healthcare operators use the ICD-10 edition. The analysis above examines 2023 urgent care visits logged by users of Experity's electronic medical record, revealing that 28,686 diagnosis codes were documented in urgent care patient medical records. While it's logical to conclude this broad range of doc-

umented diagnoses reflects urgent care's standing as a "general practice," in actuality, urgent care is quite focused. In fact, the top 35 most frequently used codes represent 50% of all codes used in urgent care. These top ICD-10 codes are grouped and categorized in the chart above.



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