

## GG0130A. Eating

**A. Eating:** The ability to use suitable utensils to bring food and/or liquid to the mouth and swallow food and/or liquid once the meal is placed before the patient.

### Assessment Timepoints

#### Admission:

- Admission performance.
- Discharge goal.



#### Discharge:

- Discharge performance.

### Eating Inclusions and Exclusions for Coding

#### Included:

- All food and liquids.
- All diets taken by mouth, including mechanically altered.
- Setup and clean-up of the meal.

#### Excluded:

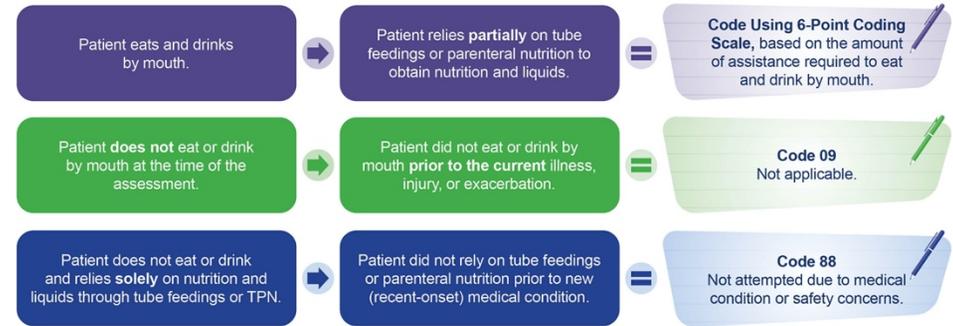
- Assistance with or administration of tube feedings, parenteral nutrition, or total parenteral nutrition (TPN).

### Coding Tips

The activity of eating involves bringing food and liquids to the mouth using suitable utensils, and swallowing food and/or liquids once the meal is placed before the patient.

### Examples

The following graphic provides clinical examples for coding **GG0130A. Eating**, based on the patient's oral intake and need for tube feedings, parenteral nutrition, or TPN.



### Clinical Considerations

- The eating activity may be completed with or without the use of adaptive eating utensils and assistive device(s).
- Code **05, Setup or clean-up assistance** if the only assistance provided to the patient occurs *prior to or following the eating activity* but not during the activity.
- If a modified consistency meal is placed before the patient and the patient can bring the food to their mouth using suitable utensils and swallows the food and/or liquid safely, code **06, Independent**.
- If the patient was not able to complete the activity prior to the benefit of services, use patient/caregiver report, collaboration with other facility staff, or assessment of similar activities to determine the appropriate performance code.