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**British Columbia Chronic Disease Registries (BCCDR) Case Definitions**  
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## OSTEOARTHRITIS

Case Definition Type: Health Service Contact Prevalence  Incidence Rate  Lifetime Prevalence

Case Definition:

One or more hospitalizations with an osteoarthritis diagnostic code, OR  
 Two or more physician visits with an osteoarthritis diagnostic code within one year.

Signed-off BC Case Definition: Yes  - V2022 No

Notes: None

Age Restriction: 1+ years

Data Source(s):

Data Source	ICD Code/Procedure Code/Rx	ICD Code/Procedure Code Position	Diagnosis Type	Hospital Care Level
Hospital ICD-10	M15-M19	First Position Only <input type="checkbox"/> All positions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	M-Most Responsible Diagnosis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-Pre-Admit Comorbidity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-Post-Admit Comorbidity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Secondary Diagnosis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Morphology Code <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5-Admitting Diagnosis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6-Proxy Most Responsible Diagnosis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9-External Cause of Injury Code <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0-Newborn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W,X,Y- Service Transfer Diagnosis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acute Care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Day Surgery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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PharmaNet Drug History	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Diagnostic Code:

ICD-9/10	Description
M15	Polyarthrosis
M16	Coxarthrosis [arthrosis of hip]
M17	Gonarthrosis [arthrosis of knee]
M18	Arthrosis of first carpometacarpal joint
M19	Other arthrosis
715	Osteoarthrosis and allied disorders

Procedure Code: N/A

Drug List: N/A