

ODG by MCG Refine Section

Select **Refine** (next to the search bar) to enter claim-specific information for the return-to-work durations.

The following example shows a 45-year-old registered nurse with a back sprain and confounding factors of a same/ similar pre-existing condition and obesity.

Sprain or Strain, Back x

Auto-Retrieve: Off ☒ On

Refine Results

Job Title or DOL Job Class NEW

Registered Nurses

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Date of Injury

mm/dd/yyyy

Target RTW Date

mm/dd/yyyy

Claim Type

Any

State

All States

Claimant Age

45

Confounding factors

☐ Depression/PTSD/Psychosocial
 ☐ Diabetes
 ☐ Hypertension

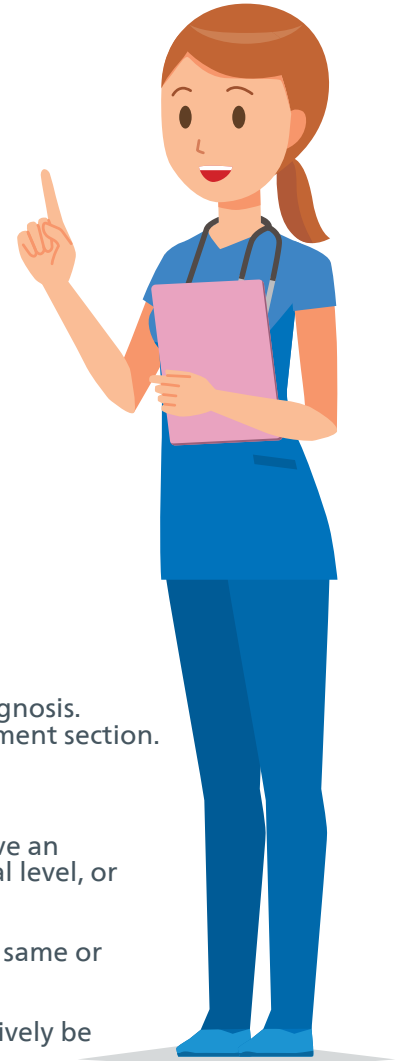
☐ Legal Representation
 ☒ Obesity
 ☐ Smoker

☐ Opioids
 ☐ Substance Abuse
 ☐ Surgery or Hospital Stay

☒ Same/Similar Pre-Existing Condition

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Confounding factors, or comorbid conditions, do not need to be pinned as a primary diagnosis. Instead, they should be selected from the confounding factors listed in the search refinement section.

Confounding factors have a potential cause-and-effect relationship.

Any of the 10 factors should be checked when they would reasonably be expected to have an active impact on the injured workers' recovery, subsequent return to pre-injury functional level, or claim costs.

The same/similar pre-existing condition should be selected if the injured worker had the same or similar medical condition to that body area within the last 12 months.

There is no need to add comorbid conditions/confounding factors unless they would actively be impacting a measurement of outcome. **Comorbidity is any coexisting health condition.**

Confounding factors

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression/PTSD/Psychosocial | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Representation | <input type="checkbox"/> Obesity | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opioids | <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Surgery or Hospital Stay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Same/Similar Pre-Existing Condition | | |

Conversely, if one of the above conditions is the primary or even secondary reason for the claim or lost time, then instead of adding it as a confounding factor, it should be added as a pinned condition.

Conditions should not be redundantly added as both primary diagnoses and confounding factors, as that will artificially inflate durations and cost data.