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| **Supplementary table 1 |** Definition of respiratory failure in terms of ICD-9. |
| **ICD-9** | **Short title** | **Long title** |
| 51851 | Ac resp flr fol trma/srg | Acute respiratory failure following trauma and surgery |
| 51853 | Ac/chr rsp flr fol tr/sg | Acute and chronic respiratory failure following trauma and surgery |
| 51881 | Acute respiratry failure | Acute respiratory failure |
| 51883 | Chronic respiratory fail | Chronic respiratory failure |
| 51884 | Acute & chronc resp fail | Acute and chronic respiratory failure |
| ICD-9, international classification of diseases-9. |