1. **Disseminated choroidal inflammation (H 30.1) can or cannot be coded at the same time as Exudative retinopathy (H 35.023)?**
   a) Could be coded at the same time
   b) Could not coded at the same time

   **H30.1 Disseminated chorioretinal inflammation**
   - Disseminated chorioretinitis
   - Disseminated choroiditis
   - Disseminated retinitis
   - Disseminated retinochoroiditis
   **Excludes2: exudative retinopathy (H35.02-)**

   Excludes2 note means “Not included here”. Excluded condition is not part of condition represented by code BUT patient may have both conditions at the same time. Excludes2 used when it is acceptable to use both code and excluded code together, when applicable.

2. **Another term for Posterior Cyclitis is:**
   a) Angioid Streaks
   b) Retinochorioiditis
   c) Pars planitis
   d) Focal Choroiditis

   Alternate terms for conditions are below the main term and are synonymous

   **H30.2 Posterior cyclitis**
   - Pars planitis
   - H30.20 Posterior cyclitis, unspecified eye
   - H30.21 Posterior cyclitis, right eye
   - H30.22 Posterior cyclitis, left eye
   - H30.23 Posterior cyclitis, bilateral

3. **Congenital retinoschisis of both eyes is coded with:**
   a) H33.193
   b) H33.103 and Q14.1
   c) Q14.123 and H33.103
   d) Q14.1

   **H33.1 Retinoschisis and retinal cysts**
   **Excludes1: congenital retinoschisis (Q14.1)**
   - Microcystoid degeneration of retina (H35.42-)

   **Q14.1 Congenital malformation of retina**
   - Congenital retinal aneurysm
Excludes 1 note is pure excludes note- meaning “NOT CODED HERE!” Code excluded should never be used at same time as code above Excludes1 note. Excludes1 used when two conditions cannot occur together (Example: congenital versus acquired form of same condition)

4. Arteriosclerotic retinopathy of the right eye would be coded with:
   a. H35.013
   b. H35.031
   c. H35.011 and I 10, in this order
   d. I 70.8 and H35.011, in this order

If you are describing the vascular changes as arteriosclerotic retinopathy the Alphabetic index tells you to use I 70.8 and H35.011. The [ ] tells you both codes need to be used BUT does not tell you the order of the codes.

However if you describe the retinopathy as Hypertensive retinopathy the directions are different. The Alphabetic Index does not give you more than the code to look up.

BUT the manual on the CDC website does state:
“In addition to the notes in the Tabular List, these conditions also have a specific Alphabetic Index entry structure. In the Alphabetic Index both conditions are listed together with the etiology code first followed by the manifestation codes in brackets. The code in brackets is always to be sequenced second.”

So you would code the I 70.8 first followed by the H35.0- code, by convention.

Retinopathy (background) H35.00
- arteriosclerotic I70.8 [H35.0-] |
- atherosclerotic I70.8 [H35.0-] |
- central serous — see Chorioretinopathy, central serous
- Coats H35.02-
- diabetic — see Diabetes, retinopathy
- exudative H35.02-
- hypertensive H35.03- |

However, once you go to the Tabular Listing under H35, you are directed in several ways. First to code also any Hypertension associated with the condition-I 10. - but does not tell you the order of the codes. Again you have to find this in the Alphabetic index.
As well you are instructed to use any additional code for I10- I15 codes for tobacco use if that is applicable.

For the atherosclerosis coding you must also use the addition environmental tobacco use codes if applicable. So could have to add an additional code for use or history of use or past second hand tobacco exposure.
5. Posterior vitreal detachment is coded using:
   a) H43.819
   b) H43.811
   c) H43.813
   d) H43.812

Note that no eye was specified so you would need to use the Unspecified code if all you had to reference was a record that DID NOT indicate which eye was impacted. Remember to carefully and completely document conditions so the coding can be more specific.

Detachment
- cartilage — see Sprain
- cervix, annular N88.8
- - complicating delivery O71.3 . . .
- vitreous (body) H43.81
6. Endophthalmitis due to a bleb in the left eye is coded with:
   a) H44.112
   b) H59.41
   c) H59.43 and Z98.83
   d) H59.43

The tabular listing details several stages under H59.4- but is quite specific on which to use for Endophthalmitis from a bleb. And since the Z98.83 is listed as an Exclude1 code so you cannot use Z98.83 together with the H59.43.

Excludes1 used when two conditions cannot occur together (Example: congenital versus acquired form of same condition)
Webinar question about Peripheral Retinal Degeneration

What code would you use forPeripheral retinal degeneration?

H35.40 is the answer I gave and seems to be the best answer within the ICD-10-CM coding structure.

Under Alphabetic Index

Degeneration

... 
- retina H35.9
- - hereditary (cerebroretinal) (congenital) (juvenile) (macula) (peripheral) (pigmentary) —see Dystrophy, retina
- - Kuhnt-Junius (see also Degeneration, macula) H35.32
- - macula (cystic) (exudative) (hole) (nonexudative) (pseudohole) (senile) (toxic) —see Degeneration, macula
- - peripheral H35.40
- - - lattice H35.41-
- - - microcystoid H35.42-
- - - paving stone H35.43-
- - - secondary
- - - - pigmentary H35.45-
- - - - vitreoretinal H35.46-
- - - - senile reticular H35.44-
- - - - pigmentary (primary) —see also Dystrophy, retina
- - - - secondary —see Degeneration, retina, peripheral, secondary
- - posterior pole —see Degeneration, macula

H35.36 Drusen (degenerative) of macula

Note that the term drusen and degenerative are the same term

H35.4 Peripheral retinal degeneration

Excludes1: hereditary retinal degeneration (dystrophy) (H35.5-)

Peripheral retinal degeneration with retinal break (H33.3-)

H35.40 Unspecified peripheral retinal degeneration

H35.41 Lattice degeneration of retina
Palisade degeneration of retina

H35.411 Lattice degeneration of retina, right eye
H35.412 Lattice degeneration of retina, left eye
H35.413 Lattice degeneration of retina, bilateral
H35.419 Lattice degeneration of retina, unspecified eye

ICD 9 description

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Other Retinal Disorders > Peripheral Retinal Degenerations > Peripheral Retinal Degeneration, Unspecified

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