



ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Anesthesia

ICD-10 code expansion:

- ❖ ICD-10 codes include LATERALITY
- ❖ ICD-10 codes include etiology
 - Example: congenital pneumonia (1 code in ICD-9)
 - In ICD-10; 9 codes; “due to” chlamydia, staphylococcus, group B streptococcus, Escherichia coli, pseudomonas, etc.
- ❖ ICD-10 codes include pathophysiologic specificity
 - Newborn affected by intrauterine fetal blood loss “due to” vasa previa, ruptured cord, placenta hemorrhage into co-twin, hemorrhage into maternal circ., cut end of co-twins cord, etc.

Hypertension:

- ❖ No longer classified as controlled or uncontrolled
- ❖ Very important to link hypertension to heart failure; i.e.; hypertensive heart failure
- ❖ Heart failure type specificity
 - Acute, chronic, acute on chronic
 - Systolic, diastolic, combined systolic and diastolic

Cardiac arrest: new specificity

- ❖ Cardiac arrest (general)
 - Due to underlying cardiac condition, other condition, unspecified
- ❖ Intra-operative cardiac arrest
 - During cardiac procedure, during other procedure
- ❖ Post-procedural cardiac arrest
 - Following cardiac procedure, following other procedure

Asthma: New nomenclature for type

- ❖ Type: Mild intermittent, mild, moderate or severe persistent
- ❖ Presentation: uncomplicated, acute exacerbation, status asthmaticus



Diabetes Mellitus:

- ❖ No longer controlled, uncontrolled
- ❖ New classification:
 - Specify type: Type 1, Type 2, drug or chemical induced, or due to underlying condition
 - Link any manifestations or complications in your documentation

ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – Anesthesia

Characters:

- ❖ Section – almost always medical/surgical, don't need to state
- ❖ Body system – should be self-evident from the description
- ❖ Root operation – describes the intent of the procedure
 - Insertion: putting in an infusion device
 - Introduction: putting in a substance (local, steroid)
 - Destruction: neurolysis
- ❖ Body part – describe with anatomic specificity, laterality if applies
- ❖ Approach – open, percutaneous, ...
- ❖ Device–
 - Describe as specifically as possible any device left in the patient
- ❖ Qualifier – If diagnostic procedure be sure to state so

Complex Procedures:

- ❖ Be sure to document each separate procedure as a specific component in your procedure note
- ❖ Example: Insertion of a spinal cord neurostimulator
 - Each lead inserted is a separate procedure
 - Insertion of the stimulator generator is a procedure