



ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Breast Surgery

Infections:

- ❖ State first location and type
- ❖ Indicate organism if known

Malignant Neoplasm of Breast:

- ❖ Describe anatomic location
 - Nipple and areola, central portion, upper-inner, lower-inner, upper-outer, lower-outer, axillary tail, **overlapping sites**
- ❖ Secondary axis: male or female
- ❖ Tertiary axis: **laterality**

Non-malignant Disorders of Breast:

- ❖ New codes for specific documentation of:
 - Induration of breast
 - Nipple discharge
 - Retraction of nipple

Congenital Malformations of Breast:

- ❖ Six new subtypes with discrete codes
 - Congenital absence of breast with absent nipple
 - Accessory breast
 - Absent nipple
 - Accessory nipple
 - Other congenital malformations of breast
 - Unspecified congenital malformation of breast



ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – Breast Surgery

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
 - Resection – removal of all of a body part
 - Excision – removal of a portion of a body part
- ❖ Body part – describe with anatomic specificity, laterality
 - Breast, right
 - Breast, left
 - Breast, bilateral
 - Nipple, left
 - Supernumerary breast
- ❖ Approach – open, percutaneous (biopsies)
- ❖ Device
 - Describe as specifically as possible any device left in the patient
- ❖ Qualifier – If diagnostic procedure be sure to state so

Lymphadenectomy:

- ❖ Key documentation tip: (the entire lymphatic chain is the body part)
 - document resection for removal of the entire lymphatic chain
 - document excision for partial removal of the entire lymphatic chain

Reconstructive Breast Surgery:

- ❖ Be sure to describe tissue: TRAM flap, latissimus dorsi flap, etc.
- ❖ Be sure to describe devices: i.e.; synthetic substitutes