



## **ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Cardiology**

### **Hypertension:**

- ❖ No longer classified as controlled or uncontrolled, malignant, benign
- ❖ Very important to document the causal relationship between hypertension and heart disease
- ❖ Heart failure type specificity:
  - Acute, chronic, acute on chronic
  - Systolic, diastolic, combined systolic and diastolic

### **Acute MI:**

- ❖ STEMI and NSTEMI are now codeable terms
- ❖ Document location: Anterior (left main coronary, left anterior descending, other coronary artery), Inferior (right coronary artery, other), Other (left circumflex, other sites)
- ❖ An AMI is considered acute under ICD-10 if it occurred within the past 4 weeks (was 8 weeks under ICD-9) - document
- ❖ Subsequent AMI – NEW
  - Defined as an AMI occurring within 4 weeks of previous AMI, regardless of site

**Note:** Unspecified aortic/mitral and multiple valve disorders default to rheumatic valve disease unless specified as non-rheumatic

### **Tobacco Hx:** coded for many respiratory and cardiovascular conditions

- ❖ Exposure to tobacco smoke
- ❖ Exposure to tobacco smoke in the perinatal period
- ❖ History of tobacco use
- ❖ Occupational exposure to tobacco smoke
- ❖ Tobacco dependence
- ❖ Tobacco use



## **ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – Cardiology**

**Section** – typical procedures are medical/surgical, don't need to state

- **Echocardiogram** – in the imaging section
- **Stress Test** – measurement and monitoring section
- **Stress Thallium** – in the nuclear medicine section

**Body system** –

**Root operation** – describes the intent of the procedure

- **Drainage** – paracentesis, aspiration, etc.
- **Excision** – removal of a portion of a body part (biopsies)
- **Resection** – removal of all of a body part
- **Insertion / removal** – central line placement

**Body part** – the specific body part (or subsection thereof) addressed in an procedure (chest tube place in R pleural space)

**Approach** – open, percutaneous, via natural opening (foley, etc.)

**Device** – describe the type or simply state the exact device(s) left in the patient at the conclusion of the procedure

**Qualifier** – if aspiration is diagnostic, be sure to state so