



ICD-10 Clinical Documentation Tips

Tips, Hints & Pointers...

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PEARLS:

LINK Diagnoses with “DUE TO”, “SECONDARY TO” or “RELATED TO” (NOT “WITH”) to show “severity of illness” and “risk of mortality”.

SPECIFICITY: For “Altered Mental Status” Consider - Encephalopathy (toxic/metabolic/anoxic), Alzheimer’s Dementia, Delirium etc.

SPECIFICITY: UNSPECIFIED DEPRESSION defaults to major depressive disorder, single episode, unspecified. Consider: adding specificity with modifiers (single/recurrent; mild, moderate, severe etc.)



ICD-10 DIAGNOSIS DOCUMENTATION TIPS OBSTETRICS

Classification System:

- Delivered, antepartum and post-partum are no longer considered axes of classification
- New axis: trimester
 - 1st trimester: <14 weeks, 0 days from first day of LMP
 - 2nd trimester: 14 weeks, 0 days to less than 28 weeks, 0 days
 - 3rd trimester: 28 weeks, 0 days until delivery

Hypertension Complicating

Pregnancy New Category Types:

- Pre-existing hypertension
- Alone, or with hypertensive heart disease, hypertensive CKD, or hypertensive heart disease and CKD
- Gestational edema and proteinuria w/o hypertension
- Gestational hypertension w/o significant proteinuria

Home Health Referrals

When referring to Home Health, reimbursement depends on being accurate and specific:

- **Laterality:** Example: L03.031 Cellulitis of right toe
L03.032 Cellulitis of left toe
- **Specific Location:** Instead of using lower extremity, be specific:
Calf, shin, knee, thigh
- **Symptom:** Pain to right elbow due to OA better than pain in right elbow
- **Infections**

Examples: Type of infection-cellulitis, pneumonia, etc.
Location- specific anatomical location (i.e. left hand)
Acuity-Acute, chronic, recurrent
Organism Involved-Strep, staph, MRSA, pneumococcus
Manifestations-Pain, fever, chills
Complications-Hyponatremia, tachycardia

- **Pressure Ulcers:** Laterality, Location and Stage

Home Health will start 100% dual coding by August 3rd so that episodes of care that span the ICD-10 October 1 implementation date are appropriately reimbursed. Assist us by allowing your Epic prompts for ICD-10 to guide you when referring to Home Health.

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HYPERTENSION AND MI DOCUMENTATION TIPS

Hypertension:

- ❖ No longer classified as controlled or uncontrolled, malignant, benign
- ❖ **Very important: 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)
- ❖ AMI is acute if it occurred within past 4 weeks (was 8 weeks under ICD-9)
- ❖ **Subsequent AMI (NEW)**
 - Defined as AMI occurring within 4 weeks of previous AMI, regardless of site

Anatomic specificity: many conditions have multiple new codes due to **increased anatomic specificity**

- Non-traumatic subarachnoid hemorrhage – ICD-9 (1 code) versus ICD-10 (20 codes)
 - Carotid siphon, middle cerebral, ant communicating, post communicating, basilar, vertebral, etc. (many with 3 sub-options based on *laterality – R, L, or unspecified)

***Laterality** applies to many diagnoses



DOCUMENTATION TIPS - GENERAL SURGERY

Infections:

- Indicate location and type
- Indicate organism (if known)

Acute Pancreatitis:

- Idiopathic, biliary, alcohol-induced, drug-induced, other, unspecified

Cholecystitis: Specify location, acuity, and w/ or w/o obstruction

- ❖ Calculus of gallbladder, with
 - Acute, chronic or acute on chronic cholecystitis or w/o any
- ❖ Calculus of bile duct, with
 - Cholangitis, cholecystitis (acute, chronic or acute on chronic) or without either
- ❖ Calculus of gallbladder and bile duct, with
 - Cholecystitis (acute, chronic or acute on chronic) or w/o

Remember to document if obstruction or no obstruction