



ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Emergency Medicine

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;

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

Asthma:

ICD-9	ICD-10
Extrinsic	Mild intermittent
Intrinsic	Mild persistent
Chronic obstructive	Moderate persistent
Asthma, Unspecified	Severe persistent



Sepsis:

- **Bacteremia:** the presence of bacteria in the blood
- **Sepsis:** infection, documented or suspected, with signs and symptoms of an inflammatory response (SIRS)
- **Severe sepsis:** sepsis with organ dysfunction
- **Septic shock:** severe sepsis plus acute circulatory failure

Cerebral Infarction: Expanded specificity

- Anatomy: Cerebral or precerebral (ICD-9)
- Type: ***Thrombosis, embolism*** or unspecified occlusion (ICD-10)

Fractures:

- Anatomic specificity / displacement / open or closed
- Episode of care:
 - Initial [open/closed]
 - Subsequent [routine healing, delayed, malunion, nonunion]
 - Sequela

External Causes of Injury:

- Injury (if not already specified in a prior code)
- Place of injury (home, public, etc.)
- Activity (hang-gliding, driver of motorcycle, etc.)
- Status (work related, military [on or off duty], leisure, etc)



ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – Emergency Medicine

Root operation – describes the intent of the procedure

- **Drainage** – paracentesis, aspiration, etc.
- **Insertion / removal** – central line, endotracheal tube

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