



ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Gynecology

Infections:

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

Specificity in ICD-10:

- ❖ Diagnostic specificity:
 - ICD-9 Salpingitis and oophoritis grouped together
 - ICD-10 Salpingitis and oophoritis individual codes
- ❖ Acuity
 - Vaginitis expanded to include “acute,” “subacute and chronic”
- ❖ Anatomic specificity:
 - Fistulas: “vesico-vaginal,” “vagina to small intestine,” “vagina to large intestine”
- ❖ Laterality:
 - Many ovarian, fallopian, and other diagnoses... now include laterality

Neoplasms: new changes

- ❖ Laterality now included
- ❖ New category of malignancies: “overlapping sites”
 - Example: malignancy of uterus: isthmus and fundus would now be coded as “overlapping sites” if documented by surgeon

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 – Gynecology

Characters:

- ❖ Section – almost always medical/surgical, don't need to state
- ❖ Body system – should be self evident from your description
- ❖ Root operation – describes the intent of your procedure
 - Resection – removal of all of a body part
 - Excision – removal of a portion of a body part
 - Occlusion – completely blocking tubular body part (tubes)
- ❖ Body part – describe with anatomic specificity, laterality if applies
- ❖ Approach – open, percutaneous, perc endo, via natural orifice, via natural orifice endoscopic, via natural orifice endo with perc endo assistance
- ❖ Device
 - Describe as specifically as possible any device left in the patient
 - Laparoscopic Bilateral Tubal Ligation Using Extraluminal Clips
 - Key documentation element is identification of device
- ❖ Qualifier – If diagnostic procedure be sure to state so

Procedures involving multiple discrete components:

- ❖ Describe the procedures you perform on individual body parts:
 - Laparoscopic Release Ovaries and Fallopian Tubes Bilaterally
 - Two distinct body parts, therefore coded separately
 - Note: body parts are ovaries, bilateral, etc.
 - Total abdominal hysterectomy with bilateral salpingoopherectomy (4 distinct procedures)
 - Open Resection Uterus
 - Open Resection Cervix
 - Open Resection Ovaries Bilaterally
 - Open Resection Fallopian Tubes Bilaterally