



## ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Nephrology

### Hypertension:

- No longer classified as controlled or uncontrolled, malignant, benign
- Important to document the stage of chronic kidney disease
- Must state acute renal failure when present

### Acute Kidney Failure:

- With acute tubular necrosis [MCC]
- With acute cortical necrosis [MCC]
- With medullary necrosis [MCC]
- With other specified lesion [MCC]
- Unspecified [CC]

### Renal & Ureteral Calculi:

- Calculus of kidney
- Calculus of ureter
- **Calculus of kidney with calculus of ureter** (new code under ICD-10)
- Unspecified urinary calculus

### Terminology Changes in ICD-10:

- Acute pyelonephritis → Acute tubulo-interstitial nephritis
- Chronic pyelonephritis → Chronic tubulo-interstitial nephritis

### Diabetes Mellitus:

- No longer controlled, uncontrolled
- Specify type: Type 1, Type 2, drug or chemical induced, or due to underlying condition
- Specify manifestation (complication):
  - Diabetic nephropathy
  - Diabetic chronic kidney disease
  - Other diabetic renal complication



## ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – Nephrology

ICD-10-PCS Characters: Every code includes all seven characters

**Section** – almost always medical/surgical, don't need to state

**Body system** – almost always urinary system

**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 (incl biopsy)
- **Destruction** – eradication of all or portion of body part by use of energy, force or destructive agent
- **Extraction** – pulling or stripping by the use of force
- **Release** – freeing a body part from abnormal constraint
- **Restriction** – Partially closing an orifice or lumen of tubular body part
- **Occlusion** – Completely closing an orifice or lumen of tubular body part

**Body part** – the specific body part (or subpart) addressed in an operative procedure (renal pelvis, right ureter, bladder neck)

- **Don't forget laterality**

**Approach** – open, percutaneous, percutaneous endoscopic, via natural opening

**Device** – describe the type or simply state the exact device(s) used for each part of the procedure

- List each distinct part of a procedure separately at the beginning of your procedure note (component documentation)