



ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Ophthalmology

Infections:

- ❖ State first location and type (osteomyelitis right 5th metacarpal)
- ❖ Indicate organism if known

Increased Number of Codes: do to enhanced specificity in ICD-10

- ❖ Laterality: specify right, left or bilateral
- ❖ Upper or lower lid: for example chalazion
- ❖ Anatomy: parasitic endophthalmitis now localized to retina or (iris, ciliary body, or anterior chamber)

Diabetes with Ophthalmic Complications:

- ❖ Axes of classification (what is necessary to code)
 - Type of diabetes: Type 1, Type 2, underlying condition, drug or chemical induced, other
 - Type of complication: ophthalmic [has its own section]
 - Specific manifestation
 - Mild non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy (NDR), moderate NDR, severe NDR, proliferative diabetic retinopathy, unspecified, diabetic cataract, other
 - With or without macular edema (for appropriate dx)
- ❖ Example documentation: type 1 diabetes with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular degeneration

Glaucoma:

- New categories: 2⁰ to eye trauma, 2⁰ to eye inflammation, 2⁰ to other eye disorders, 2⁰ to drugs

Ocular Injuries:

- ❖ New documentation requirement – Laterality (Right, Left, Both)
- ❖ Episode of care must be coded: initial, subsequent or sequela



ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – Ophthalmology

Characters:

- ❖ Section – almost always medical/surgical, don't need to state
- ❖ Body system – should be self-evident from the description
- ❖ Root operation – describes the intent of the procedure
 - Replacement – intra-ocular lens
 - Detachment – enucleation
- ❖ Body part – describe with anatomic specificity
- ❖ Approach – open, percutaneous
- ❖ Device – describe any device left in the patient
- ❖ Qualifier - Used typically to add further specificity

Examples of complete documentation:

- ❖ Penetrating keratoplasty of left cornea with donor matched cornea, percutaneous [codes as non-autologous tissue substitute]
- ❖ Layered repair eyelid, left and closure superficial laceration face
- ❖ Dilation lacrimal ducts, bilateral
 - Codes as two separate cases
 - NOTE: always describe each component procedure in detail
- ❖ Recession medial rectus muscle, advancement lateral rectus muscle, left eye
 - Again... two procedures