ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Vascular Surgery

Increase In ICD-10 Codes:

- **ETIOLOGY**
  - Example: Secondary hypertension
    - ICD-9: two codes (renovascular or other)
    - ICD-10: five codes
      - Renovascular, other renal, endocrine, other secondary, unspecified
  
- **LATERALITY**
  - Example: Atheroembolism of the extremities
    - ICD-9: two codes (upper or lower extremity)
    - ICD-10: eight codes (4 subtypes for upper or lower extremity)
      - Right, left, bilateral, unspecified

**Diabetes:**

- Code expansion ICD-9 (60 codes), ICD-10 (206 codes)
  - Axes of classification:
    - **Type**: Type 1, Type 2, due to underlying condition, drug or chemical induced, other (including genetic defects)
    - **Complications**: Ketoacidosis, hyperosmolarity, kidney, ophthalmic, neurologic, **circulatory** complications
    - **Specific complication**: peripheral angiopathy with gangrene, peripheral angiopathy without gangrene, other
  - Example
    - Type 1 diabetes E10.
    - With circulatory complications E10.5
    - Diabetic peripheral angiopathy w/ gangrene E10.52

**Varicose veins:**

- Code expansion ICD-9 (5 codes), ICD-10 (57 codes)
  - Axes of classification:
    - Type: manifestation (varicose vein, with...)

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• Ulcer, inflammation, ulcer and inflammation, other complications, pain, other, asymptomatic
  ▪ Laterality
  • Right, left, unspecified (bilateral where appropriate)
  ▪ Location
  • Thigh, calf, ankle, heal & midfoot, other parts of foot, other part of lower leg, unspecified

➢ Example:
  • Varicose veins
  • With ulcer and inflammation
  • Right
  • Calf

ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – Vascular Surgery

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 the procedure
❖ Body part – describe with anatomic specificity, laterality if applies
❖ Approach – open, percutaneous, percutaneous endoscopic
❖ Device - describe as specifically as possible any device left in the patient
❖ Qualifier – If diagnostic procedure be sure to state so

Examples:
❖ Aorto-femoral bypass: be sure to describe device
❖ Carotid endarterectomy: anatomic specificity [R common carotid]
❖ Sclerotherapy saphenous vein: describe laterality, agent used
❖ Amputations: require more specificity [high, mid or low]