ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Anesthesia

ICD-10 code expansion:
- ICD-10 codes include LATERALITY
- ICD-10 codes include etiology
  - Example: congenital pneumonia (1 code in ICD-9)
  - In ICD-10; 9 codes; “due to” chlamydia, staphylococcus, group B streptococcus, Escherichia coli, pseudomonas, etc.
- ICD-10 codes include pathophysiologic specificity
  - Newborn affected by intrauterine fetal blood loss “due to” vasa previa, ruptured cord, placenta hemorrhage into co-twin, hemorrhage into maternal circ., cut end of co-twins cord, etc.

Hypertension:
- No longer classified as controlled or uncontrolled
- Very important to link hypertension to heart failure; i.e.; hypertensive heart failure
- Heart failure type specificity
  - Acute, chronic, acute on chronic
  - Systolic, diastolic, combined systolic and diastolic

Cardiac arrest: new specificity
- Cardiac arrest (general)
  - Due to underlying cardiac condition, other condition, unspecified
- Intra-operative cardiac arrest
  - During cardiac procedure, during other procedure
- Post-procedural cardiac arrest
  - Following cardiac procedure, following other procedure

Asthma: New nomenclature for type
- Type: Mild intermittent, mild, moderate or severe persistent
- Presentation: uncomplicated, acute exacerbation, status asthmaticus
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 – Anesthesia

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
  - Insertion: putting in an infusion device
  - Introduction: putting in a substance (local, steroid)
  - Destruction: neurolysis
- Body part – describe with anatomic specificity, laterality if applies
- Approach – open, percutaneous, ...
- Device–
  - Describe as specifically as possible any device left in the patient
- Qualifier – If diagnostic procedure be sure to state so

Complex Procedures:
- Be sure to document each separate procedure as a specific component in your procedure note
- Example: Insertion of a spinal cord neurostimulator
  - Each lead inserted is a separate procedure
  - Insertion of the stimulator generator is a procedure