ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Cardiology

Hypertension:
- No longer classified as controlled or uncontrolled, malignant, benign
- Very important to document the causal relationship between hypertension and heart disease
- Heart failure type specificity:
  - Acute, chronic, acute on chronic
  - Systolic, diastolic, combined systolic and diastolic

Acute MI:
- STEMI and NSTEMI are now codeable terms
- Document location: Anterior (left main coronary, left anterior descending, other coronary artery), Inferior (right coronary artery, other), Other (left circumflex, other sites)
- An AMI is considered acute under ICD-10 if it occurred within the past 4 weeks (was 8 weeks under ICD-9) - document
- Subsequent AMI – NEW
  - Defined as an AMI occurring within 4 weeks of previous AMI, regardless of site

Note: Unspecified aortic/mitral and multiple valve disorders default to rheumatic valve disease unless specified as non-rheumatic

Tobacco Hx: coded for many respiratory and cardiovascular conditions
- Exposure to tobacco smoke
- Exposure to tobacco smoke in the perinatal period
- History of tobacco use
- Occupational exposure to tobacco smoke
- Tobacco dependence
- Tobacco use
ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – Cardiology

Section – typical procedures are medical/surgical, don’t need to state
  • Echocardiogram – in the imaging section
  • Stress Test – measurement and monitoring section
  • Stress Thallium – in the nuclear medicine section

Body system –
Root operation – describes the intent of the procedure
  • Drainage – paracentesis, aspiration, etc.
  • Excision – removal of a portion of a body part (biopsies)
  • Resection – removal of all of a body part
  • Insertion / removal – central line placement

Body part – the specific body part (or subsection thereof) addressed in an procedure (chest tube place in R pleural space)

Approach – open, percutaneous, via natural opening (foley, etc.)

Device – describe the type or simply state the exact device(s) left in the patient at the conclusion of the procedure

Qualifier – if aspiration is diagnostic, be sure to state so