ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Emergency Medicine

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
  o Defined as an AMI occurring within 4 weeks of previous AMI, regardless of site;

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

Asthma: ICD-9 ICD-10
Extrinsic Mild intermittent
Intrinsic Mild persistent
Chronic obstructive Moderate persistent
Asthma, Unspecified Severe persistent
Sepsis:
- **Bacteremia**: the presence of bacteria in the blood
- **Sepsis**: infection, documented or suspected, with signs and symptoms of an inflammatory response (SIRS)
- **Severe sepsis**: sepsis with organ dysfunction
- **Septic shock**: severe sepsis plus acute circulatory failure

**Cerebral Infarction**: Expanded specificity
- Anatomy: Cerebral or precerebral (ICD-9)
- Type: *Thrombosis, embolism* or unspecified occlusion (ICD-10)

**Fractures**:
- Anatomic specificity / displacement / open or closed
- Episode of care:
  - Initial [open/closed]
  - Subsequent [routine healing, delayed, malunion, nonunion]
  - Sequela

**External Causes of Injury**:
- Injury (if not already specified in a prior code)
- Place of injury (home, public, etc.)
- Activity (hang-gliding, driver of motorcycle, etc.)
- Status (work related, military [on or off duty], leisure, etc.)
ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – Emergency Medicine

Root operation – describes the intent of the procedure
  • Drainage – paracentesis, aspiration, etc.
  • Insertion / removal – central line, endotracheal tube
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