ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Nephrology

**Hypertension:**
- No longer classified as controlled or uncontrolled, malignant, benign
- Important to document the stage of chronic kidney disease
- Must state acute renal failure when present

**Acute Kidney Failure:**
- With acute tubular necrosis [MCC]
- With acute cortical necrosis [MCC]
- With medullary necrosis [MCC]
- With other specified lesion [MCC]
- Unspecified [CC]

**Renal & Ureteral Calculi:**
- Calculus of kidney
- Calculus of ureter
- **Calculus of kidney with calculus of ureter** (new code under ICD-10)
- Unspecified urinary calculus

**Terminology Changes in ICD-10:**
- Acute pyelonephritis → Acute tubulo-interstitial nephritis
- Chronic pyelonephritis → Chronic tubulo-interstitial nephritis

**Diabetes Mellitus:**
- No longer controlled, uncontrolled
- Specify type: Type 1, Type 2, drug or chemical induced, or due to underlying condition
- Specify manifestation (complication):
  - Diabetic nephropathy
  - Diabetic chronic kidney disease
  - Other diabetic renal complication

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ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – Nephrology

ICD-10-PCS Characters: Every code includes all seven characters

Section – almost always medical/surgical, don’t need to state

Body system – almost always urinary system

Root operation – describes the intent of your procedure
  • Resection – removal of all of a body part
  • Excision – removal of a portion of a body part (incl biopsy)
  • Destruction – eradication of all or portion of body part by use of energy, force or destructive agent
  • Extraction – pulling or stripping by the use of force
  • Release – freeing a body part from abnormal constraint
  • Restriction – Partially closing an orifice or lumen of tubular body part
  • Occlusion – Completely closing an orifice or lumen of tubular body part

Body part – the specific body part (or subpart) addressed in an operative procedure (renal pelvis, right ureter, bladder neck)
  • Don’t forget laterality

Approach – open, percutaneous, percutaneous endoscopic, via natural opening

Device – describe the type or simply state the exact device(s) used for each part of the procedure
  • List each distinct part of a procedure separately at the beginning of your procedure note (component documentation)