ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Rheumatology

ICD-10 Code Expansion:
❖ ANATOMIC SPECIFICITY & LATERALITY
   ➢ Effusion ankle and foot
     ▪ ICD-9 – one code
     ▪ ICD-10 – six (6) codes
       • Ankle and foot separated (2 options)
       • R, L, unspecified (3 options)

   ➢ Example: Facet syndrome
     ▪ ICD-9 one code
     ▪ ICD-10 nine (9) codes, based on improved anatomic specificity
       • Occipito-atlanto-axial, cervical, cervico-thoracic, thoracic, TL, lumbar, LS, sacral & SC, unspecified

Gout: a great example of code expansion
❖ ICD-9: 4 codes
❖ ICD-10: 363 codes
  ➢ Axes of classification: each axis multiplies number of codes
    ▪ **Type:** acute or chronic
    ▪ **Etiology:** idiopathic, lead-induced, drug-induced, due to renal impairment, other secondary, unspecified
    ▪ **Anatomic Location:** Shoulder, elbow, wrist, hand, hip, etc.
    ▪ **Laterality:** Right, left, unspecified
    ▪ **Tophus:** present or absent (only for chronic type)
  ➢ Example
    • Chronic gout M1A.
    • Idiopathic M1A.0
    • Elbow M1A.02
    • Left M1A.022
    • With tophus M1A.0221
Rheumatoid Arthritis and other Polyarthropathis: code expansion

- ICD-9: 11 codes
- ICD-10: **451 codes**

  Axes of classification: each axis multiplies number of codes
  - **Type:** RA with rheumatoid factor, other rheumatoid arthritis, enteropathic arthropathies, juvenile arthritis
  - **Subtype:** Felty’s syndrome, rheumatoid lung disease, vasculitis, heart disease, myopathy, polyneuropathy, other organs, etc.
  - **Anatomic Location:** Shoulder, elbow, wrist, hand, hip, etc.
  - **Laterality:** Right, left, unspecified

Example
- RA with rheumatoid factor M05.
- Rheumatoid heart disease with RA M05.3
- Elbow M05.32
- Left M05.322

Myalgia and Myositis (include fibromyalgia): code expansion

- ICD-9: one code “Myalgia and myositis”
- ICD-10: **27 codes**

  Other myositis
  - Anatomic site (each with 3 subtypes for laterality): Shoulder, upper arm, forearm, hand, thigh, lower leg, ankle and foot (3)
  - Anatomic site (each without laterality): other, multiple, unspecified

  Myositis unspecified, myalgia, fibromyalgia (one code each)