ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Vascular Surgery

Increase In ICD-10 Codes:

❖ Etiology

➢ Example: Secondary hypertension
   ▪ ICD-9: two codes (renovascular or other)
   ▪ ICD-10: five codes
      • Renovascular, other renal, endocrine, other secondary, unspecified

❖ Laterality

➢ Example: Atheroembolism of the extremities
   ▪ ICD-9: two codes (upper or lower extremity)
   ▪ ICD-10: eight codes (4 subtypes for upper or lower extremity)
      • Right, left, bilateral, unspecified

Diabetes:

❖ Code expansion ICD-9 (60 codes), ICD-10 (206 codes)

➢ Axes of classification:
   ▪ Type: Type 1, Type 2, due to underlying condition, drug or chemical induced, other (including genetic defects)
   ▪ Complications: Ketoacidosis, hyperosmolarity, kidney, ophthalmic, neurologic, circulatory complications
   ▪ Specific complication: peripheral angiopathy with gangrene, peripheral angiopathy without gangrene, other

➢ Example
   • Type 1 diabetes E10.
   • With circulatory complications E10.5
   • Diabetic peripheral angiopathy w/ gangrene E10.52

Varicose veins:

❖ Code expansion ICD-9 (5 codes), ICD-10 (57 codes)

➢ Axes of classification:
   ▪ Type: manifestation (varicose vein, with...)
• Ulcer, inflammation, ulcer and inflammation, other complications, pain, other, asymptomatic
  - Laterality
    • Right, left, unspecified (bilateral where appropriate)
  - Location
    • Thigh, calf, ankle, heal & midfoot, other parts of foot, other part of lower leg, unspecified

➤ Example:
  • Varicose veins
  • With ulcer and inflammation
  • Right
  • Calf

ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – Vascular Surgery

Characters:
❖ Section – almost always medical/surgical, don’t need to state
❖ Body system – should be self evident from your description
❖ Root operation – describes the intent of the procedure
❖ Body part – describe with anatomic specificity, laterality if applies
❖ Approach – open, percutaneous, percutaneous endoscopic
❖ Device - describe as specifically as possible any device left in the patient
❖ Qualifier – If diagnostic procedure be sure to state so

Examples:
❖ Aorto-femoral bypass: be sure to describe device
❖ Carotid endarterectomy: anatomic specificity [R common carotid]
❖ Sclerotherapy saphenous vein: describe laterality, agent used
❖ Amputations: require more specificity [high, mid or low]