

## Orthopedic Documentation Tips

The following are important documentation tips and strategies for ICD-10 compliance:

General:

- a. Document diagnosis that were “present on admission” as POA.
- b. Include diagnoses monitored, treated, evaluated on discharge summary.
- c. Laterality should be specified for all body parts and sites.

Condition/Concept	ICD-10 Documentation Tips
<b>Arthritis</b>	<p><b>Type:</b> Primary, Secondary (indicate secondary factor, e.g., post-traumatic osteoarthritis)</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Specific bones and joints (multiple sites if applicable)</p> <p><b>Describe:</b> Any related underlying diseases or conditions</p>
<b>Fractures</b>	<p><b>Type:</b> Open, closed, pathological, neoplastic disease, stress, etc.</p> <p><b>Classify:</b> Type I, II, IIIA, IIIB, or IIIC.</p> <p><b>Pattern:</b> Comminuted, oblique, segmental, spiral, transverse, etc.</p> <p><b>Etiology:</b> Document in the external cause codes</p> <p><b>Encounter of care:</b> Initial, subsequent, sequelae</p> <p><b>Healing:</b> Normal healing, delayed healing, nonunion, malunion</p> <p><b>Localization:</b> Shaft, head, neck, distal, proximal, styloid</p> <p><b>Displacement:</b> Displaced, non-displaced</p> <p><b>Classification:</b> Gustillo-Anderson, Salter-Harris</p> <p><b>Any complications, whether acute or delayed:</b> e.g, Direct result of trauma sustained</p> <p><b>If Applicable:</b> Document intra-articular or extra-articular involvement</p>
<b>Injuries</b>	<p><b>Episode of care:</b> Initial, Subsequent, Sequelae</p> <p><b>Injury site:</b> As specific as possible</p> <p><b>Etiology:</b> How was the injury sustained, e.g., sports, motor vehicle crash, pedestrian, slip and fall, environmental exposure, etc.?</p> <p><b>Place of Occurrence:</b> School, work, etc.</p> <p><b>Intent:</b> Unintentional or accidental, self-harm, etc., if appropriate</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Civilian, military, etc., if appropriate</p>
<b>Sepsis</b>	<p><b>Etiology:</b> Link to source of infection: Devices, Implants</p> <p><b>Organism:</b> Organism, if known</p>
<b>Ulcers</b>	<p><b>Type:</b> Decubitus, Ischemic, DM, Stasis</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Upper back, ankle, sacral, buttock, etc.</p> <p><b>Stage:</b> Decubitus only (stage 1-4 or unstageable)</p> <p><b>Present on Admission</b></p>

Reference:

<http://www.roadto10.org/example-practice-orthopedic/>