



ICD-10 Documentation Tips

Podiatry Services

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
Atherosclerosis	Location: Vessel, Laterality Type of vessel: Native, Bypass (Autologous, nonautologous, nonbiological, other) Complications: Intermittent claudication, Ulceration (severity, skin involvement) Tobacco Usage: Exposure, use, dependence, Type
Cellulitis	Specify Site and Laterality: Right, Left, Bilateral Underlying Conditions: Due to Foreign Body, Trauma Indicate: Any organism or infectious agent if known or suspected

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Diabetes Mellitus, Hypoglycemia and Hyperglycemia	Increased Specificity: The diabetes codes are combination codes that include the type of diabetes, the body system affected, and the complications affecting that body system. When documenting diabetes, include the following: Type: e.g. Type 1 or Type 2 disease, drug-induced, due to underlying condition Complications: What (if any) other body systems are affected by the diabetes condition? e.g. Foot ulcer related to diabetes Treatment: Is the patient on insulin?
Foot Deformities and Anomalies	Type: Pes Planus, Hallux Limitus, Hallux Valgus, Hallux Varus, Hammer Toe, etc. Laterality, Location Underlying Cause, Congenital or Acquired
Gout	Type: Idiopathic chronic gout, Acute-Attack/flare, Drug induced chronic gout (Identify the medication), Other secondary chronic gout, etc. Laterality, Location, Tophus With or Without Underlying Cause
Injuries	Episode of care: Initial, Subsequent, Sequelae Site and Nature of Injury: Laceration, puncture, foreign body, contusion, Insect bite, Blister, Fracture, Sprain/Strain Etiology: How sustained, e.g., sports, slip and fall, etc.? Place of Occurrence: School, work, etc. Intent: Unintentional or accidental, self-harm, etc., if appropriate Status: Civilian, military, etc., if appropriate

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Nail Disease & related conditions	Type: Onychia, Paronychia, etc. Mycosis Specify: Verruca Plantaris
Neoplasm	Classify: Malignant (primary, secondary, in-situ), Benign, etc. Characteristics, Stage Anatomical Site and Laterality: Right, Left, Bilateral Associated Conditions and Complications: dehydration, anemia, etc. History: Past or ongoing treatment? Remaining malignancy present? Remission status
Osteoarthritis	Site and Laterality Generalized Primary or Secondary: Infectious, Endocrine, Neuropathic, Metabolic Post-traumatic
Osteomyelitis	Site and Laterality Acuity Infectious Agent Long Term Drug Therapy: Antibiotics Associated Conditions: Non-healing Ulcer, Diabetes, Neuropathy, etc.
Podiatry: Class Findings	Specify Class: A, B, C Document findings, pulses, edema, parathesias, etc.
Venous Thrombosis and Embolism	Acuity Location and Vessel Type: Deep, superficial, post operative, due to device, etc. POA: Active acute or chronic conditions Present on Admission Associated Conditions

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Ulcer	<p>Site, Laterality, Stage, Pressure-related</p> <p>Depth: Limited to skin breakdown, With Muscle Necrosis, With Bone Necrosis</p> <p>Underlying Cause: Atherosclerosis, Chronic Venous HTN, Diabetic Ulcer, Post-thrombotic Syndrome, Varicose</p> <p>With or without gangrene</p>
Varicose Veins	<p>Location and Laterality</p> <p>Complications if present: Pain, Inflammation, Ulcer (Site, Severity, Skin, Fat Layer, Muscle, Bone), Bleeding</p>
PROCEDURES	
Debridement	<p>Anatomic Location and Laterality</p> <p>Size of Lesion(s): Specify diameter prior to excision plus narrow margin</p> <p># of Lesions</p> <p>Method: Autolytic, Enzymatic, Mechanical, Sharp/Surgical, Biosurgical</p> <p>Depth of Tissue Removed: Skin, Subcutaneous, Muscle Fascia, Muscle, Bone</p>
Lesion Removal/ Biopsy/ Amputation/ Bunionectomy	<p>Anatomic Location and Laterality</p> <p>Size of Lesion(s): Specify diameter prior to excision plus narrow margin</p> <p># of Lesions</p> <p>Surgical Technique: Excision, Shaving, Destruction (indicate the method)</p> <p>Tissue Level of Excised Lesion: Epidermal and/or dermal, Superficial (non-muscle) fascia, Deep fascia, Intramuscular, Wide excision, etc.</p> <p>Close Technique: Adhesive strip application, Chemical or electrocauterization, Simple repair, Layered closure, Complex repair, etc.</p>

This ICD-10 Tipsheet is meant to assist providers for the transition from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM. Content provided is informal guidance, and any definitive guidance is issued from CMS.