

Infectious Disease Documentation Tips

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

Condition/Concept	ICD-10 Documentation Tips
Cellulitis and/or Abscess	Specify Site and Laterality: Right, Left, Bilateral Underlying Conditions: Due to Foreign Body, Crohn's, Trauma Indicate: Any organism or infectious agent if known or suspected
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?
Fever	Origin: Postprocedural, transfusion reaction, unknown, medication-related, postvaccination, etc.
Hepatitis	Acuity: Acute, Chronic Hepatic Coma: With, Without Type: A, B, C, D, E and with/without Delta agent (HDV)
HIV	Clarify HIV status: Asymptomatic or degree to which patient is symptomatic with HIV (whether currently or in the past)
Postop Infection	Identify: Infectious organism if known or suspected Encounter Type: Initial, Subsequent, Sequelae Document: If due to an implanted device or foreign body
Respiratory Failure	Acuity: Acute, Chronic, Acute on Chronic Type: Hypoxic, Hypercapnic, Mixed Etiology: Pneumonia, CHF, COPD, etc.
Sepsis	Etiology: Link to source of infection: Vascular grafts, Devices, Implants, Infection (Pneumonia, UTI, Peritonitis, etc.) Organism: Organism, if known
Shock	Type: Hemorrhagic, Septic, Cardiogenic, Liver, Hypovolemic, Other
Tuberculosis	Site: Specify Respiratory, Skin, Nervous system involvement
Ulcer(skin)	Specific site, laterality, stage Specify: Pressure vs. Non-pressure Document: underlying/associated conditions, gangrene when present
Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)	Site: Bladder, Urethra, Kidney Device: Due to Foley Catheter, Due to Cystostomy tube Document: causative organism, if known Avoid term 'Urosepsis' (Consider 'UTI with sepsis')

Reference:

<http://www.capefearvalley.com/cme/doctips.html>