



ICD-10 Documentation Tips

Orthopedic Services

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

General:

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

Condition/Concept	ICD-10 Documentation Tips
Arthritis	<p>Type: Primary, Secondary (indicate secondary factor, e.g., post-traumatic osteoarthritis)</p> <p>Location(s): Specific bones and joints (multiple sites if applicable)</p> <p>Describe: Any related underlying diseases or conditions</p>
Fractures	<p>Type: Open, closed, pathological, neoplastic disease, stress, etc.</p> <p>Classify: Type I, II, IIIA, IIIB, or IIIC.</p> <p>Pattern: Comminuted, oblique, segmental, spiral, transverse, etc.</p> <p>Etiology: Document in the external cause codes</p> <p>Encounter of care: Initial, subsequent, sequelae</p> <p>Healing: Normal healing, delayed healing, nonunion, malunion</p> <p>Localization: Shaft, head, neck, distal, proximal, styloid</p> <p>Displacement: Displaced, non-</p>

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	<p>displaced</p> <p>Classification: Gustillo-Anderson, Salter-Harris</p> <p>Any complications, whether acute or delayed: e.g, Direct result of trauma sustained</p> <p>If Applicable: Document intra-articular or extra-articular involvement</p>
Injuries	<p>Episode of care: Initial, Subsequent, Sequelae</p> <p>Injury site: As specific as possible</p> <p>Etiology: How was the injury sustained, e.g., sports, motor vehicle crash, pedestrian, slip and fall, environmental exposure, etc.?</p> <p>Place of Occurrence: School, work, etc.</p> <p>Intent: Unintentional or accidental, self-harm, etc., if appropriate</p> <p>Status: Civilian, military, etc., if appropriate</p>
Sepsis	<p>Etiology: Link to source of infection: Devices, Implants</p> <p>Organism: Organism, if known</p>
Ulcers	<p>Type: Decubitus, Ischemic, DM, Stasis</p> <p>Location: Upper back, ankle, sacral, buttock, etc.</p> <p>Stage: Decubitus only (stage 1-4 or unstageable)</p> <p>Present on Admission</p>

Reference:

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

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.