

## Podiatry Documentation Tips

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

Condition/Concept	ICD-10 Documentation Tips
<b>Atherosclerosis</b>	<p><b>Location:</b> Vessel, Laterality  <b>Type of vessel:</b> Native, Bypass (Autologous, nonautologous, nonbiological, other)  <b>Complications:</b> Intermittent claudication, Ulceration (severity, skin involvement)  <b>Tobacco Usage:</b> Exposure, use, dependence, Type</p>
<b>Cellulitis</b>	<p><b>Specify Site and Laterality:</b> Right, Left, Bilateral  <b>Underlying Conditions:</b> Due to Foreign Body, Trauma  <b>Indicate:</b> Any organism or infectious agent if known or suspected</p>
<b>Diabetes Mellitus, Hypoglycemia and Hyperglycemia</b>	<p><b>Increased Specificity:</b>  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:  <b>Type:</b> e.g. Type 1 or Type 2 disease, drug-induced, due to underlying condition  <b>Complications:</b> What (if any) other body systems are affected by the diabetes condition? e.g. Foot ulcer related to diabetes  <b>Treatment:</b> Is the patient on insulin?</p>
<b>Foot Deformities and Anomalies</b>	<p><b>Type:</b> Pes Planus, Hallux Limitus, Hallux Valgus, Hallux Varus, Hammer Toe, etc.  <b>Laterality, Location</b>  <b>Underlying Cause, Congenital or Acquired</b></p>
<b>Gout</b>	<p><b>Type:</b> Idiopathic chronic gout, Acute-Attack/flare, Drug induced chronic gout (Identify the medication), Other secondary chronic gout, etc.  <b>Laterality, Location, Tophus</b> With or Without  <b>Underlying Cause</b></p>
<b>Injuries</b>	<p><b>Episode of care:</b> Initial, Subsequent, Sequelae  <b>Site and Nature of Injury:</b> Laceration, puncture, foreign body, contusion, Insect bite, Blister, Fracture, Sprain/Strain  <b>Etiology:</b> How sustained, e.g., sports, slip and fall, etc.?  <b>Place of Occurrence:</b> School, work, etc.  <b>Intent:</b> Unintentional or accidental, self-harm, etc., if appropriate  <b>Status:</b> Civilian, military, etc., if appropriate</p>
<b>Nail Disease &amp; related conditions</b>	<p><b>Type:</b> Onychia, Paronychia, etc.  <b>Mycosis</b>  <b>Specify:</b> Verruca Plantaris</p>
<b>Neoplasm</b>	<p><b>Classify:</b> Malignant (primary, secondary, in-situ), Benign, etc.  <b>Characteristics, Stage</b>  <b>Anatomical Site and Laterality:</b> Right, Left, Bilateral  <b>Associated Conditions and Complications:</b> dehydration, anemia, etc.  <b>History:</b> Past or ongoing treatment? Remaining malignancy present?  <b>Remission status</b></p>
<b>Osteoarthritis</b>	<p><b>Site and Laterality</b>  <b>Generalized</b>  <b>Primary or Secondary:</b> Infectious, Endocrine, Neuropathic, Metabolic  <b>Post-traumatic</b></p>

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Osteomyelitis	<b>Site and Laterality</b> <b>Acuity</b> <b>Infectious Agent</b> <b>Long Term Drug Therapy:</b> Antibiotics <b>Associated Conditions:</b> Non-healing Ulcer, Diabetes, Neuropathy, etc.
Podiatry: Class Findings	<b>Specify Class: A, B, C</b> Document findings, pulses, edema, parathesias, etc.
Venous Thrombosis and Embolism	<b>Acuity</b> <b>Location and Vessel</b> <b>Type:</b> Deep, superficial, post operative, due to device, etc. <b>POA:</b> Active acute or chronic conditions Present on Admission <b>Associated Conditions</b>
Ulcer	<b>Site, Laterality, Stage, Pressure-related</b> <b>Depth:</b> Limited to skin breakdown, With Muscle Necrosis, With Bone Necrosis <b>Underlying Cause:</b> Atherosclerosis, Chronic Venous HTN, Diabetic Ulcer, Post-thrombotic Syndrome, Varicose <b>With or without gangrene</b>
Varicose Veins	<b>Location and Laterality</b> <b>Complications if present:</b> Pain, Inflammation, Ulcer (Site, Severity, Skin, Fat Layer, Muscle, Bone), Bleeding
<b>PROCEDURES</b>	
Debridement	<b>Anatomic Location and Laterality</b> <b>Size of Lesion(s):</b> Specify diameter prior to excision plus narrow margin <b># of Lesions</b> <b>Method:</b> Autolytic, Enzymatic, Mechanical, Sharp/Surgical, Biosurgical <b>Depth of Tissue Removed:</b> Skin, Subcutaneous, Muscle Fascia, Muscle, Bone
Lesion Removal/ Biopsy/ Amputation/ Bunionectomy	<b>Anatomic Location and Laterality</b> <b>Size of Lesion(s):</b> Specify diameter prior to excision plus narrow margin <b># of Lesions</b> <b>Surgical Technique:</b> Excision, Shaving, Destruction (indicate the method) <b>Tissue Level of Excised Lesion:</b> Epidermal and/or dermal, Superficial (non-muscle) fascia, Deep fascia, Intramuscular, Wide excision, etc. <b>Close Technique:</b> Adhesive strip application, Chemical or electrocauterization, Simple repair, Layered closure, Complex repair, etc.