

DOCUMENTATION ELEMENTS FOR COMMON DIAGNOSES

Table one: Documentation elements for asthma		
Asthma classification	Status	Code
Mild intermittent	Uncomplicated With exacerbation Status asthmaticus	J45.20 J45.21 J45.22
Mild persistent	Uncomplicated With exacerbation Status asthmaticus	J45.30 J45.31 J45.32
Moderate persistent	Uncomplicated With exacerbation Status asthmaticus	J45.40 J45.41 J45.42
Severe persistent	Uncomplicated With exacerbation Status asthmaticus	J45.50 J45.51 J45.52

Note: Personal risk factor codes, such as Z91.14, "Patient's other noncompliance with medication regimen," may be added to indicate poor compliance and explain any complications.

Table two: Documentation elements for otitis media				
Otitis media type	Code family	Occurrence	Laterality	Tympanic membrane status
Serous/nonsuppurative	H65.--	Acute/subacute	Right	Ruptured
Suppurative/purulent	H66.--	Acute recurrent	Left	Not ruptured
In a disease classified elsewhere (influenza, measles, viral disease), follow index instruction (combination code or H67)	H67.-- or combination code	Chronic	Bilateral	

Table three: Documentation elements for diabetes				
Diabetes type	Code family	Manifestation	Insulin use	
Type 1	E10.--	Consider whether the condition is controlled; uncontrolled is a manifestation (hyperglycemia)	n/a	Z79.4 Long-term (current) insulin use
Type 2*	E11.--	Make a connection (e.g., diabetic ulcer vs. diabetes, ulcer)		
Due to underlying condition	E08.--	Describe the manifestation (e.g., site and severity of ulcer)		
Drug or chemical induced	E09.--			

*Type 2 is the default if type is not documented.

Table four: Documentation elements for nonpressure chronic foot ulcer			
Foot ulcer site	Code family	Laterality	Severity
Heel and midfoot	L97.4--	Right	Limited to breakdown of skin
Other part of foot including toe	L97.5--	Left	Fat layer exposed Necrosis of muscle Necrosis of bone

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Table five: Documentation elements for well-child visits

Age of child	Exam findings	Code
Newborn under 8 days old	n/a	Z00.110
Newborn 8 to 28 days old		Z00.111
Child	Abnormal	Z00.121
	Without abnormal	Z00.129

Table six: Documentation elements for hypertensive diseases

Hypertensive disease type	Code family	Complication
Essential hypertension	I10	n/a
Hypertensive heart disease*	I11.-	With or without heart failure**
Hypertensive chronic kidney disease	I12.-	With stage 5 chronic kidney disease or end stage renal disease With stage 1 through stage 4 chronic kidney disease, or unspecified chronic kidney disease
Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease*	I13.--	With or without heart failure** With stage 5 chronic kidney disease or end stage renal disease With stage 1 through stage 4 chronic kidney disease, or unspecified chronic kidney disease

Table seven: Common documentation elements

Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary, drug-induced Allergic contact, irritant contact Hyperactive, inattentive, combined Congenital, acquired Clinical classification Nicotine dependence – cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or other
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muscle, tendon, ligament, or joint Sinus cavity Diverticulosis – large or small intestine Colitis - Area of colon – pancolitis Localized or generalized (e.g., edema)
Occurrence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acute Chronic Acute recurrent Acute on chronic
Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With or without infarction Refractory, intractable, or not intractable With or without aura With exacerbation Tension-type In remission, with withdrawal, or uncomplicated
Related conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insomnia due to medical condition Influenza with respiratory symptoms Late effect (sequelae) of disease Identified infectious agent

* The causal relationship between hypertension and heart disease must be documented. If there is no causal relationship, report separate codes for hypertension and the specified heart condition.

** An additional code from category I50 must identify the type of heart failure.