ICD-10 Clinical Concepts Series

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Specifying anatomical location and laterality required by ICD-10 is easier than you think. This detail reflects how physicians and clinicians communicate and to what they pay attention - it is a matter of ensuring the information is captured in your documentation.

In ICD-10-CM, there are three main categories of changes:

- **Definition Changes**
- **Terminology Differences**
- **Increased Specificity**

Over 1/3 of the expansion of ICD-10 codes is due to the addition of laterality (left, right, bilateral). Physicians and other clinicians likely already note the side when evaluating the clinically pertinent anatomical site(s).

**ASTHMA**

Terminology Difference

ICD-10 terminology used to describe asthma has been updated to reflect the current clinical classification system.

When documenting asthma, include the following:

1. **Cause**
   - Exercise induced, cough variant, related to smoking, chemical or particulate cause, occupational

2. **Severity**
   - Choose one of the three options below for persistent asthma patients
     - 1. Mild persistent
     - 2. Moderate persistent
     - 3. Severe persistent

3. **Temporal Factors**
   - Acute, chronic, intermittent, persistent, status asthmaticus, acute exacerbation

**ICD-10 Code Examples**

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<tr>
<td>J45.30</td>
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<td>J45.991</td>
<td>Cough variant asthma</td>
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UNDERDOsing

Terminology Difference

Underdosing is an important new concept and term in ICD-10. It allows you to identify when a patient is taking less of a medication than is prescribed.

When documenting underdosing, include the following:

1. Intentional, Unintentional, Non-compliance
   - Is the underdosing deliberate? (e.g., patient refusal)
2. Reason
   - Why is the patient not taking the medication? (e.g., financial hardship, age-related debility)

ICD-10 Code Examples

- Z91.120  Patient's intentional underdosing of medication regimen due to financial hardship
- T36.4x6A  Underdosing of tetracyclines, initial encounter
- T45.526D  Underdosing of antithrombotic drugs, subsequent encounter

DIABETES MELLITUS, HYPOGLYCEMIA AND HYPERGLYCEMIA

Increased Specificity

The diabetes mellitus codes are combination codes that include the type of diabetes mellitus, the body system affected, and the complications affecting that body system.

When documenting underdosing, include the following:

1. Type
   - e.g. Type 1 or Type 2 disease, drug or chemical induces, due to underlying condition, gestational

2. Complications
   - What (if any) other body systems are affected by the diabetes condition?
   - e.g. Foot ulcer related to diabetes mellitus

3. Treatment
   - Is the patient on insulin?

A second important change is the concept of "hypoglycemia" and "hyperglycemia." It is now possible to document and code for these conditions without using "diabetes mellitus." You can also specify if the condition is due to a procedure or other cause.

The final important change is that the concept of "secondary diabetes mellitus" is no longer used; instead, there are specific secondary options.
ICD-10 Code Examples

E08.65  Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hyperglycemia
E09.01  Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with hyperosmolarity with coma
R73.9   Transient post-procedural hyperglycemia
R79.9   Hyperglycemia, unspecified

INJURIES

Increased Specificity

ICD-9 used separate “E codes” to record external causes of injury. ICD-10 better incorporates these codes and expands sections on poisonings and toxins.

When documenting injuries, include the following:

1. **Episode of Care**
   e.g. Initial, subsequent, sequelae

2. **Injury site**
   Be as specific as possible

3. **Etiology**
   How was the injury sustained (e.g. sports, motor vehicle crash, exposure?)

4. **Place of Occurrence**
   e.g. School, work, etc.

Initial encounters may also require, where appropriate:

1. **Intent**
   e.g. Unintentional or accidental, self-harm, etc.

2. **Status**
   e.g. Civilian, military, etc.

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ICD-10 Code Examples

**Example 1:**
A left knee strain injury that occurred on a private recreational playground when a child landed incorrectly from a trampoline:

- **Injury:** S86.812A, Strain of other muscle(s) and tendon(s) at lower leg level, left leg, initial encounter
• **External cause:** W09.8xxA, Fall on or from other playground equipment, initial encounter
• **Place of occurrence:** Y92.838, Other recreation area as the place of occurrence of the external cause
• **Activity:** Y93.44, Activities involving rhythmic movement, trampoline jumping

**Example 2:**
On October 31st, Kelly was seen in the ER for shoulder pain and X-rays indicated there was a fracture of the right clavicle, shaft. She returned three months later with complaints of continuing pain. X-rays indicated a nonunion. The second encounter for the right clavicle fracture is coded as S42.021K, *Displaced fracture of the shaft of right clavicle, subsequent for fracture with nonunion.*

**WELL CHILD EXAMS AND SCREENING**

*Increased Specificity*

ICD-10 will improve the quality of data collection for well child exams, early screening, and the detection of childhood illnesses.

When documenting well child exams and screen, include the following:

1. **Child’s age**
   - In days, months or years as appropriate
2. **Exam type**
   - e.g. Well child exam, hearing screen, sports physical, school physical, etc.
3. **Findings**
   - Note normal vs. abnormal findings, as there codes vary depending on results

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<td>Newborn check under 8 days old</td>
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<td>Z00.111</td>
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OTITIS MEDIA

Increased Specificity

When documenting otitis media, include the following:

1. Type e.g., Serous, sanguinous, suppurative, allergic, mucoid
2. Infectious agent e.g., Strep, Staph, Scarlett Fever, Influenza, Measles, Mumps
3. Temporal factors Acute, subacute, chronic, recurrent
4. Side e.g. Left, right or both ears
5. Tympanic Membrane Rupture Note whether this is present
6. Secondary causes e.g. Tobacco smoke, etc.

ICD-10 Code Examples

H66.001 Acute suppurative otitis media without spontaneous rupture of ear drum, right ear
H66.004 Acute suppurative otitis media without spontaneous rupture of ear drum, recurrent, right ear
H65.03 Acute serous otitis media, bilateral
H72.821 Total perforations of the tympanic membrane, right ear

BRONCHITIS AND BRONCHIOLITIS

Increased Specificity

When documenting bronchitis and bronchiolitis, include the following:

1. Acuity e.g., Acute, chronic, subacute. Delineate when both acute and chronic are present, e.g., acute and chronic bronchitis
2. Causal Organism e.g. Respiratory syncytial virus, metapneumovirus, unknown, etc.

ICD-10 Code Examples

J20.2 Acute bronchitis due to streptococcus
J21.0 Acute bronchiolitis due to respiratory syncytial virus
J21.1 Acute bronchiolitis due to human metapneumovirus
FEEDING PROBLEMS OF THE NEWBORN

Increased Specificity

In ICD-10-CM, newborn remains defined as the first 28 days of life.

Document feeding problems of the newborn and subsequent treatment recommendations specifically in your note. Example issues with discrete ICD-10 coding options include:

1. Difficulty feeding at breast
2. Slow feeding
3. Underfeeding
4. Overfeeding
5. Regurgitation and rumination

ICD-10 Code Examples

- P92.1 Regurgitation and rumination of newborn
- P92.2 Slow feeding of newborn
- P92.5 Neonatal difficulty in feeding at breast