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| Blood-loss Anemia               | 1. Document, when appropriate:  
   • Anemia due to acute blood loss  
   • Anemia due to chronic blood loss  
  2. If acute blood-loss anemia is due to blood loss during surgery:  
   • Documentation of post-operative anemia is not enough  
   • Document instead post-operative anemia due to acute blood loss  
  3. When it is your clinical judgement that the surgery resulted in an expected amount of blood loss, no diagnosis of acute blood loss is needed.                                                                                   |
| Nutritional Anemia              | 1. Document iron deficiency anemia by type, such as:  
   • Sideropenic iron deficiency anemia  
   • Iron deficiency due to inadequate dietary iron intake  
  2. Document vitamin B12 type, such as:  
   • Due to intrinsic factor deficiency  
   • Vitamin B12 malabsorption  
  3. Document folate deficiency type, such as:  
   • Due to diet  
   • Drug-induced  
  4. Document other nutritional types, such as:  
   • Protein deficiency  |
| Other Drug-induced Blood Disorders | 1. Document cause and effect, for example:  
   • Agranulocytosis due to sulfasalazine  
   • Pancytopenia due to chemotherapy  |
| Anemia in Chronic Disease       | 1. Document the chronic disease and link it to the anemia, for example:  
   • Anemia due to chronic kidney disease  
   • Anemia due to colon cancer  |
| Leukemia                        | 1. Document:  
   • Acute versus  
   • Chronic  
  2. Document specific type, for example:  
   • Acute lymphoblastic  
   • Chronic lymphocytic of B-cell type  
   • Prolymphocytic of B-cell type  
   • Hairy cell  
   • Adult T-cell  
  3. Document remission-relapse status for each patient visit:  
   • Not having achieved remission  
   • In remission  
   • In relapse |
| Neoplasms                       | 1. Document site and laterality, such as:  
   • Main bronchus  
   • Left lower lobe of lung  
  2. Differentiate between primary and secondary (metastatic) site  
  3. For secondary sites:  
   • Document primary site and if it is still present |
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| Obesity            | 1. Document etiology:  
• Due to excess calories  
or nutritional  
• Due to drugs  
• Other, for example, due to thyroid  
or pituitary disorder  
2. If morbidly obese, also document if with alveolar hypoventilation |
| Tobacco            | 1. Differentiate between:  
• Tobacco use/abuse or  
• Dependence  
2. Document type of tobacco product, such as:  
• Cigarettes  
• Chewing tobacco  
• Cigars  
3. Differentiate between patients who no longer smoke and those who do  
• Note that “history of smoking” can be an ambiguous statement |
| Drug Under-dosing  | 1. Document:  
• Intentional  
versus  
• Unintentional  
2. Document reason for under-dosing, for example:  
• Financial hardship  
or  
• Age-related dementia |