ICD-10 Diagnosis Documentation Tips – Neurology

Code Expansion in ICD-10: ICD-10 includes additional specificity for:

❖ Etiology:
  ➢ Example: Secondary Parkinsonism (1 code in ICD-9)
    ➢ ICD-10: malignant neuroleptic syndrome, neuroleptic induced, other drug induced, due to external agents, post-encephalitic, vascular (arteriosclerotic), other, etc.

❖ Advances in Medicine: (remember ICD-9 is >35 years old)
  ➢ Example: cerebral lipidoses (1 code in ICD-9)
    ➢ GM2 gangliosidosis, Sandhoff disease, Tay-Sachs disease, other GM2 gangliosidoses, mucolipidosis IV, etc.

❖ Laterality: (not codeable in ICD-9)
  ➢ Example: Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy
    ➢ (ICD-9) just upper/lower extremity
    ➢ ICD-10 – Renamed Complex Regional Pain Syndrome 1
      • Upper, lower extremity, but also right, left, bilateral, unspecified

Diabetes Mellitus:
❖ No longer controlled, uncontrolled
❖ New classification:
  ➢ Specify type: Type 1, Type 2, drug or chemical induced, or due to underlying condition
  ➢ Neurologic manifestations: state with specificity, diabetic...
    ➢ Neuropathy (unspecified), mononeuropathy, polyneuropathy, autonomic (poly)neuropathy, amyotrophy, other diabetic neurologic manifestation

Cerebral Infarction: Expanded specificity
❖ Anatomy: Cerebral or precerebral (ICD-9)
❖ Type: Thrombosis, embolism or unspecified occlusion (ICD-10)
Traumatic cerebral edema: New category in ICD-10 with specificity

- Loss of consciousness
  - No loss of consciousness
  - Loss of consciousness (codes based on length of LOC documented)
- Outcome
  - Return to pre-existing condition, without return, death due to brain injury, death due to other cause
- Episode of care: initial encounter, subsequent encounter, sequela

Epilepsy:

- Type: Localization-related idiopathic, generalized idiopathic, absence, juvenile monoclinic, other generalized, due to external causes, other (includes Lennox-Gastaut, epileptic spasms, etc.)
- Also – need to document both
  - Intractable / not intractable
  - Status / not in status

ICD-10 [INPATIENT] Procedural Coding Tips – Neurology

OVERVIEW – ICD-10-PCS will be mapped out for you for most procedures. If you do unusual procedures, use the following documentation principles

Section - for neurology procedures, usually measurement/monitoring

Body system – physiologic systems

Root operation – describes the intent of the procedure
  - Measurement - EEG
  - Measurement – EMG/NCS

Body system (more specific) – central or peripheral nervous system

Approach – external or percutaneous for EEG, EMG/NCT

Function / Device – electrical, contractility, or conductivity

Qualifier – typically none