



ICD 10 DOCUMENTATION TIPS FOR ORTHOPEDICS

| Diagnosis | Documentation Requirements | | |
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| Atrial Fibrillation/Atrial Flutter | For Atrial Fibrillation, document type as: Paroxysmal, Persistent OR Chronic | For Atrial Flutter, document type as: Typical or Type 1 OR Atypical or Type 2 | |
| Blood Loss Anemia | Document, when appropriate: Anemia due to blood loss or Anemia due to chronic blood loss | If acute blood loss anemia is due to blood loss during surgery: Documentation of postoperative anemia is not enough. Document postoperative anemia due to acute blood loss instead | No diagnosis of acute blood loss anemia if surgery resulted in expected amount of blood loss |
| Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) | Document severity: Acute, Chronic, or acute on chronic | Document type: Systolic, Diastolic or Combined Systolic and Diastolic | Specify etiology, if known |
| Complication of Surgery | Document timeframe of when complication occurred: Intraoperatively or Postoperatively | | |
| Gout | Document: Acute or Chronic * Coding will default to acute if not specified | Document type: Idiopathic, lead induced, drug induced, due to renal impairment, or other, please specify | Document: With or without tophus |
| Intervertebral Disc Disorders | Document site: Cervical, Thoracic, Lumbar, Sacral | Document any associated: Myelopathy, Radiculopathy, or Sciatica | |
| Malnutrition | Document type, example: Protein calorie or Protein energy | Document severity: Mild, moderate, or severe | |
| Neoplasms | Document site and laterality | Differentiate between primary and secondary (metastatic) site | If Secondary: Document primary site and if still present |
| Osteoarthritis | Document type, example: Primary, primary generalized, Posttraumatic, other, please specify | Document site and laterality | |
| Obesity | Document etiology if known | If morbidly obese: Indicate with alveolar hypoventilation | |
| Pathological Fracture | Specify etiology: age related, disuse osteopenia, neoplastic, other, please specify | | |



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| Respiratory Insufficiency/Respiratory Distress | Document underlying condition | | |
| Respiratory Failure | Document: Acute, Chronic, or Acute on Chronic | Document: Hypoxemia, and/or Hypercapnic | |
| Rheumatoid Arthritis | Documents type: RA with rheumatoid factor, RA without rheumatoid factor, Juvenile arthritis, Rheumatoid bursitis, Rheumatoid nodule | Document site and laterality | |
| Spondylosis | Document type: Anterior spinal artery compression syndrome, Vertebral artery compression, syndrome, other spondylosis, please specify | Document site | |
| Traumatic Fractures | Document: Open vs closed, displaced vs non displaced, bone and site, type of fracture i.e., traverse, Greenstick, oblique, spiral, etc., laterality | Open fractures of forearm, femur, lower leg document: Type I, II, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC per the Gustilo scale classification | For sacral fractures document: Zone I, II, or III and minimally vs severely displaced |
| Tobacco | Differentiate: Tobacco use/abuse or dependence | Document type of tobacco | Current or past smoker |
| Drug Underdosing | Document: Intentional vs unintentional | Document reason for underdosing | |
| Procedures | | | |
| Excision of Intervertebral Disc | Indicate: Removal of a portion or all of the intervertebral disc | | |
| Spinal fusion | Document: Level of spinal cord involvement and number of vertebrae fused | Operative approach: Document anterior approach anterior column or posterior approach, posterior column, or posterior approach, anterior column. | |