

Acute Care Follow-Up

Stroke

- By definition, a stroke is an acute event
- Stroke (I63.***) is reported when the patient is being diagnosed and treated (i.e., in an acute care facility), unless the stroke is *occurring* while the patient is in another location (e.g., at the office visit)
- Stroke follow up is reported as a history of stroke (Z86.73), unless there are sequelae
 - Stroke follow up visits may be in an intermediate care facility or rehab facility
 - Stroke follow up may occur in the office
 - Doesn't matter how "old" the stroke is
 - *AHA Coding Clinic® 2006, Issue 3*
- Examples
 - Assessment and Plan from hospital progress note: CVA. Denser LUE weakness and LT facial droop today. Possible improvement n LLE strength today. Better rapidity of speech and word formation today. Code I63.9, Cerebral infarction, unspecified.
 - Chief complaint: follow up from hospital and stroke. Do not code for stroke.
- Stroke sequelae may be reported in any site of service

Acute Myocardial Infarction

- Specified as acute or stated as 28 days or less from onset
- After 28 days, it becomes an old MI (I25.2, no HCC in ACA)
- Date of event will be helpful with coding
- Examples
 - NSTEMI – his troponin was elevated. Happened last Tuesday night. He went to the ER. He is on Plavix and a statin. Code I21.4, Non-ST elevation myocardial infarction.
 - (Seen in 2022.) Follow up care of acute MI of inferior wall from April, 2020. Code I25.2, Old MI.

Septicemia, Sepsis, SIRS, and Shock

- Can be life threatening
- Seen in the acute care setting
 - May be seen in the office, where sent to the hospital for admission
- Office follow up of hospitalization (*AHA Coding Clinic®, 2016, Issue 1*)
 - Sepsis/Septicemia
 - Code the infection, if still undergoing treatment
 - Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS)
 - Code the underlying condition, if still present (e.g., pancreatitis, trauma, ischemia, inflammation, infection)
 - Shock
 - Code other conditions present at the time of visit
- Example
 - Plan: Therapy and Tmx at high doses; day 7 treatment for line sepsis due to E. coli. Code B96.20, Unspecified E. coli as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere, and T82.7XXA, Infection and inflammatory reaction due to other cardiac and vascular devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter