PEARLS:
LINK Diagnoses with “DUE TO”, “SECONDARY TO” or “RELATED TO” (NOT “WITH”) to show “severity of illness” and “risk of mortality”.

SPECIFICITY: For “Altered Mental Status” Consider - Encephalopathy (toxic/metabolic/anoxic), Alzheimer’s Dementia, Delirium etc.

SPECIFICITY: **UNSPECIFIED DEPRESSION** defaults to major depressive disorder, single episode, unspecified. Consider: adding specificity with modifiers (single/recurrent; mild, moderate, severe etc.)

**Home Health Referrals**
When referring to Home Health, reimbursement depends on being accurate and specific:

- **Laterality**: Example: L03.031 Cellulitis of right toe
  L03.032 Cellulitis of left toe

- **Specific Location**: Instead of using lower extremity, be specific:
  Calf, shin, knee, thigh

- **Symptom**: Pain to right elbow due to OA better than pain in right elbow

- **Infections**
  Examples: Type of infection-cellulitis, pneumonia, etc.
  Location- specific anatomical location (i.e. left hand)
  Acuity-Acute, chronic, recurrent
  Organism Involved-Strep, staph, MRSA, pneumococcus
  Manifestations-Pain, fever, chills
  Complications-Hypernatremia, tachycardia

- **Pressure Ulcers**: Laterality, Location and Stage

Home Health will start 100% dual coding by August 3rd so that episodes of care that span the ICD-10 October 1 implementation date are appropriately reimbursed. Assist us by allowing your Epic prompts for ICD-10 to guide you when referring to Home Health.

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Hypertension and MI Documentation Tips

**Hypertension:**
- No longer classified as controlled or uncontrolled, malignant, benign
- **Very important:** document the causal relationship between hypertension and heart disease
- Heart failure type specificity:
  - Acute, chronic, acute on chronic
  - Systolic, diastolic, combined systolic and diastolic

**Acute MI:**
- STEMI and NSTEMI are now codeable terms
- **Document location:** Anterior (left main coronary, left anterior descending, other coronary artery), Inferior (right coronary artery, other), Other (left circumflex, other sites)
- AMI is acute if it occurred within past 4 weeks (was 8 weeks under ICD-9)
- Subsequent AMI (NEW)
  - Defined as AMI occurring within 4 weeks of previous AMI, regardless of site

**Anatomic specificity:** many conditions have multiple new codes due to increased anatomic specificity
- Non-traumatic subarachnoid hemorrhage – ICD-9 (1 code) versus ICD-10 (20 codes)
  - Carotid siphon, middle cerebral, ant communicating, post communicating, basilar, vertebral, etc. (many with 3 sub-options based on *laterality – R, L, or unspecified)
  - *Laterality* applies to many diagnoses

**Documentation Tips - General Surgery**

**Infections:**
- Indicate location and type
- Indicate organism (if known)

**Acute Pancreatitis:**
- Idiopathic, biliary, alcohol-induced, drug-induced, other, unspecified

**Cholecystitis:**
- Specify location, acuity, and w/ or w/o obstruction
  - Calculus of gallbladder, with
    - Acute, chronic or acute on chronic cholecystitis or w/o any
  - Calculus of bile duct, with
    - Cholangitis, cholecystitis (acute, chronic or acute on chronic) or without either
  - Calculus of gallbladder and bile duct, with
    - Cholecystitis (acute, chronic or acute on chronic) or w/o
  - Remember to document if obstruction or no obstruction

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