



## Module 2: ICD-10-CM Conventions Exercises

***Directions: Please provide the correct answer for each of the following. You may use your ICD-10-CM manual as necessary to answer the questions. Please be sure to apply any applicable sequencing guidelines.***

1. When the documentation in the medical record states a specific condition but there is not a specific ICD-10-CM code for that condition would the diagnosis be considered “Not Elsewhere Classified” (NEC) or “Not Otherwise Specified (NOS)?”

**Not Elsewhere Classified (NEC)**

2. What code(s) would be assigned for a patient who is diagnosed with a urinary tract infection due to E Coli?

**N39.0, B96.20. The “Use additional code” instruction noted below N39.0. Brackets in the Tabular index can be used to identify synonyms, alternative terminology, or explanatory phrases.**

3. What are words enclosed in parentheses in the Alphabetic Index for e.g., Pyrexia (of unknown origin) and Tabular List called?

**Words in parentheses are called “non-essential modifiers” that may or may not be present in the code description but do not affect code assignment.**

4. What code(s) would be assigned to a patient diagnosed with congestive heart failure due to hypertensive heart disease?

**I11.0, I50.9. See note under code I11.0 to “Use additional code to specify the type of heart failure”.**

5. How many placeholders do the following codes have?
- a. S06.2X0A Diffuse traumatic brain injury without loss of consciousness, initial encounter

**One placeholder**

- b. O69.3XX1 Labor and delivery complicated by short cord, fetus 1

**Two placeholders**

- c. W60.xxxA Contact with nonvenomous plant thorns and spines and sharp leaves, initial encounter

**Three placeholders**

- d. X32.XXXA Exposure to sunlight, initial encounter

**Three placeholders. The first X represents a code series. Only x's in the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> positions represent placeholders.**

6. What type of neoplasm (i.e., malignant, benign) is an osteofibrosarcoma?

**Per the Alphabetic Index, the instructional note states to “see” Neoplasm, bone, malignant. The term “osteofibrosarcoma” means a tumor containing fibrous, connective tissue and bone elements.**

7. At code category S11 (Open wound of neck), what does the note regarding spinal cord injuries mean?
- a. A second code must always be reported to indicate the presence or absence of a spinal cord injury.
- b. The spinal cord injury should always be the second listed code preceded by the applicable S11.- code.
- c. The S11.- must never be reported in conjunction with a spinal cord injury code.
- d. The S11.- may be reported in conjunction with a spinal cord injury if it exists and documented. There is no sequencing guidance.

**“d” “Code also” notes mean code both conditions if they are applicable. Sequencing is discretionary upon the circumstances of the encounter/admission. Do not assume the patient also has a spinal cord injury without supporting documentation.**

8. What code(s) would be assigned for an initial encounter for bilateral open distal radial fractures?

**S52.501B, S52.502B Category S52 does not include a “bilateral” option therefore separate codes would be assigned to indicate the condition affected**

**both sides. Be careful to only use seventh character boxes for the codes to which it applies. The boxes under categories S52.01-, S52.11-, S52.21- and S52.31- do not include an option for an open fracture. To find the appropriate seventh character, you must reference Category S52.**

9. True or False? A patient can have either hypertensive chronic kidney disease or acute kidney failure, but not both at the same time.

**False. To find the answer to this, first look up Hypertension, kidney, → I12.9. The Excludes2 note for the I12 code category indicates an additional code may be reported (N17-) for acute kidney failure.**