1 HISTORY

HPI (History of Present Illness): Characterize HP1 by considering either the Status of chronic conditions or the number of elements recorded.

- Status of 1-2 chronic conditions
- Status of 3 chronic conditions
- Status of 4 or more chronic conditions

2 EXAMINATION

- Limited to affected body area or organ system (one body area or system related to problem) 1-5 body areas
- Affected body area or organ system and other symptomatic or related organ systems (2 or more body systems) 6-11 body areas
- Extensive exam (if affected area) and other symptomatic or related organ systems) 12 or more body areas

3 MEDICAL DECISION-MAKING

A. Number of diagnoses and/or management options

- Minimal 2 diagnoses
- Moderate 3-5 diagnoses
- Extensive 6 or more diagnoses

B. Amount and/or complexity of data reviewed/ordered

- Minimal 1 body area
- Moderate 2-3 body areas
- Extensive 4 or more body areas

C. Risk of Complication and/or Mortality (see Table C.1)

- Minimal
- Moderate
- Extensive

Final Medical Decision-Making requires 2 of 3 components above met or exceeded.

A.1 Treatments and Therapeutic Options

- Do not count as Treatment Options Notations such as Continuous "same" therapy or "no change" in therapy (including drug management) without further description (record does not document what the current therapy plan is or that the physician reviewed it).

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- Drug management, new prescriptions, or changes in dosing for current medications.

- Complex drug management (more than 3 medications/prescriptions and/or over-prescribing).

- Open or percutaneous therapeutic cardiac, surgical or radiological procedure.

- Initial, occupational, or speech therapy or other manipulation.

- Closed treatment for fx or dislocation.

- IV fluids.

- Complex laboratory test(s).

- Consent forms.

- Patient educated in self or home care techniques.

- Hospital admit.

- Other specific.

TOTAL

B. Amount and/or Complexity of Data Reviewd or Ordered

- Order and/or review results of clinical lab tests.

- Order and/or review results of tests in Radiology section of CPT.

- Discuss case with consultant or other consultant or discussion with other physician also managing the patient.

- Order clinically specific source of records ordered and/or numerous old or other health care records (simple statements to the effect that other or old outside records were reviewed is insufficient to count).

- Physiologic monitoring.

- Independently review and inspect findings from images, imaging, pathologic, or surgical specimens (identifies the reports for procedures and tests for which interpretation not separately billed by the provider).

TOTAL

C. Risk of Complication and/or Mortality (see Table C.1)

- Nature of the presenting illness.

- Risk preferred by diagnostic option.

- Risk preferred by therapeutic option.

Final Risk determined by highest of 3 components above.

C.1 Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality

LEVEL OF RISK

PRESENTING PROBLEM

- Minimal
- Low
- Moderate
- High

- One self-limited or minor problem, e.g., cold, insect bite, minor skin condition.

- Two or more self-limited or minor problems.

- One stable chronic illness, e.g., well-controlled hypertension or non-insulin dependent diabetes, ulcerative, EBM.

- Acute uncomplicated illness or injury, e.g., sprains, all-sports injuries, simple laceration.

- Laboratory tests requiring temperature.

- Chest X-rays.

- Urinalysis.

- Uterine curetting, e.g., echo.

- Dermatological.

- Acute uncomplicated illness or injury, e.g., sprains, all-sports injuries, simple laceration.

- Laboratory tests not under stress, e.g., pulmonary function tests.

- Non-cardiovascular imaging studies with contrast, e.g., barium enema.

- Superficial nerve blocks.

- Clinical laboratory tests requiring arterial puncture.

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