

## Risk Coding Tips and Tools Hepatitis C

### There Are Two Types of Hepatitis C:

- **Acute:** Acute hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection is a short-term illness that occurs within the first six months after being exposed to the hepatitis C virus
- **Chronic:** Chronic HCV is an inflammation of the liver lasting longer than six months with a positive blood test for HCV beyond the six-month period following the acute infection

### Clinical Documentation for Hepatitis C Should Include:

- **Type:** Document the type of hepatitis (A, B, C, autoimmune, alcoholic, etc.)
- **Acuity:** Document the acuity - chronic or acute, while also noting:
  - Without hepatic coma (**outpatient**)
  - With hepatic coma (**inpatient**)
- **Status of Condition:** Stable, improved, worsening, and/or resolved
- **Associated Conditions:** Document to the highest level of specificity and any associated conditions (other viruses, a parasite, etc.)
- **Medical Management:** Ordered test, treatment, follow-up, surveillance, and/or referrals

### Physician Documentation Example

#### Example 1:

A/P

#### Chronic Viral Hepatitis C (B18.2)

- Chronic, without hepatic coma
- Condition is worsening, patient is not compliant with medication
- New referral given to Gastroenterology

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