

Risk Coding Tips and Tools

Stroke and Cerebral Vascular Accident in the Outpatient Setting

A stroke is a medical emergency that occurs when tissue in the brain dies due to a lack of oxygen (*Ischemic*) or bleeding within the brain (*Hemorrhagic*).

Follow up visits

After leaving the acute care facility, the infarction is classified by its type and any late effects. It is a common documentation error to refer to the stroke as an acute condition after being discharged from the inpatient facility. In most cases, when following up in the physician's office, the patient is being seen for the management of residual deficits from the acute episode or the overseeing of prophylactic anticoagulation. If no late effects are present, use (*Personal History of Stroke- Z86.73*)

What to Document?

- Type: Ischemic - or – Hemorrhagic
- Late effects/Sequela (*Clearly identify the cause-and-effect relationship. Example: Right-sided Hemiplegia due to Ischemic Stroke.*)
- Anticoagulation management
- Any recommended therapy (*Speech, Physical, Occupational, etc.*)

Caution!

Avoid using codes from category I63.xxx as these indicate an acute infarction and should only be used in the inpatient setting.

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Hemiplegia/Hemiparesis

Physician Documentation Example	ICD 10 Codes
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>cerebral infarction</i> , Right dominant	I69.351
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>cerebral infarction</i> , Left dominant	I69.352
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>cerebral infarction</i> , Right non-dominant	I69.353
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>cerebral infarction</i> , Left nondominant	I69.354
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>cerebral infarction</i> , unspecified side	I69.359

Physician Documentation Example

Physician Documentation Example	ICD 10 Codes
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>nontraumatic intracerebral hemorrhage</i> , Right dominant	I69.151
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>nontraumatic intracerebral hemorrhage</i> , Left dominant	I69.152
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>nontraumatic intracerebral hemorrhage</i> , Right non-dominant	I69.153
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>nontraumatic intracerebral hemorrhage</i> , Left non-dominant	I69.154
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>nontraumatic intracerebral hemorrhage</i> , Unspecified side	I69.159

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Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>unspecified cerebrovascular disease</i> , Right dominant	I69.951
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>unspecified cerebrovascular disease</i> , Left dominant	I69.952
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>unspecified cerebrovascular disease</i> , Right non-dominant	I69.953
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>unspecified cerebrovascular disease</i> , Left non-dominant	I69.954
Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following <i>unspecified cerebrovascular disease</i> , Unspecified side	I69.959

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