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Top 10 ICD-10 Documentation Tips

Need to document:

1. Laterality: left vs right for bones, organs, blood vessels, strokes, injuries, etc.
2. Status of disease: Acute vs. Chronic vs. Acute on Chronic
3. Anatomy: Specific bone in hand or foot, lobe of lung, exact blood vessel
4. Location of Insult: AMI of anterior wall, Left MCA stroke, etc.
5. Medical Linkage: Acute Blood Loss Anemia **due to** GI bleed, UTI **due to** indwelling Foley catheter, CKD stage 3 **due to** DM, Cirrhosis **due to** Hep C, Sepsis **due to** Pneumonia, etc.
6. Associated &/or related conditions: DM with hyperglycemia and retinopathy, Cirrhosis with ascites and esophageal varices, etc.
7. Gustilo-Anderson Scale for Fractures
8. Glasgow Coma Scale for encephalopathic or comatose patients
9. Alcohol/Specific Drug/Nicotine dependence with or without withdrawal
10. Present on Admission: Anything captured in PMH or A/P sections of H&P is considered POA