

## Cirrhosis

Don't assume that cirrhosis is due to alcoholism unless specified.

ALWAYS document the underlying etiology of cirrhosis:

- Viral (Hep B, C, or D)
- Alcohol
- Cryptogenic (NASH)
- Autoimmune
- Hemachromatosis
- PSC/PBC

ALWAYS document associated conditions when present:

- Ascites
- Esophageal Varices (with or without bleeding)
- Hepatic Encephalopathy
- Jaundice
- Portal Vain Thromobosis
- Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis

**Documentation Example:** "Cirrhosis due to Hep C with ascites and non-bleeding esophageal varices"

**\*Remember** - altered mental status or confusion does not mean encephalopathy.  
Be sure to document "hepatic encephalopathy" (MCC) and not just the signs/symptoms.