Heart Failure

Did you know?

You must document both the acuity and the etiology of the heart failure you are treating to receive full credit for the work you do.

Acuity
- Acute or
  - “Decompensated” or “Exacerbation” acceptable terminology as well
- Chronic or
  - Acute on Chronic

Etiology
- Systolic or Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF)
  - Simply documenting “EF = ________%” is not sufficient
- Diastolic or Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF)
- Both

*Note: Using the terminology of “dysfunction” as opposed to “failure” to describe the etiology does not accurately portray your patients’ severity of illness.

*Note: There are no codes for valvular heart failure in ICD-10. Please choose one of the above listed etiologies and then attribute it to the valvular abnormality which caused it.