

## Diabetes Documentation

### Did you know?

**There are very specific documentation requirements for accurately describing your patients' diabetes status**

**1. The cause of the patient's diabetes must be specified**

- **Type 1**
- **Type 2**
- **Secondary** to another cause such as chronic steroid use, chronic pancreatitis, post-pancreatectomy, etc.  
**Note:** insulin dependency not important for diabetes documentation *or* coding

**2. Please document all known complications that occur *or* have resulted from their diabetes**

- **Hypo- or Hyperglycemia** (not "uncontrolled")
- **DKA or HHNS**
- **Neuropathy - Peripheral or Autonomic** (Does the patient use sildenafil or tadalafil?)
- **Retinopathy**
- **Vasculopathy**  
**Note:** Please also document any concurrent peripheral vascular disease
- **Nephropathy**  
**Note:** Please also document any concurrent **chronic kidney disease** including the **stage of 1-5**)
- **Skin ulcers or dermatitis**

### Excellent Documentation Examples:

- DM Type 2 with hyperglycemia and CKD, stage 3
- DM Type 1 with DKA and PVD s/p R foot TMA