Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism

Pulmonary embolism and acute DVT are usually seen in an acute care setting, so you should use the following for documentation.

- I26.**   – Pulmonary embolism with or without acute cor pulmonale
- I82.4** – Acute embolism and thrombosis of deep veins of lower extremity
- I82.62* – Acute embolism and thrombosis of deep veins of upper extremity

If either condition becomes chronic, you should use the following for documentation.

- I27.82 – Chronic pulmonary embolism
- I82.5** – Chronic embolism and thrombosis of deep veins of lower extremity
- I82.72* – Chronic embolism and thrombosis of deep veins of upper extremity

If no longer being treated, both become historical and do not risk.

- Z86.711 – Personal history of pulmonary embolism
- Z86.718 – Personal history of other venous thrombosis and embolism

Prophylactic treatment may not be coded as an active DVT or PE

Pulmonary Embolism

- Acute PE
  - Acute should be stated, use when treatment initiated
- Acute PE with acute cor pulmonale
  - Cor pulmonale (RT sided heart failure) must be noted
- Chronic PE
  - "Chronic" must be stated
- Examples
  - Impression: DVT, subsequent PE. Has completed one year of anticoagulation. Prophylactic dosing considered at this point but patient wants to discontinue DVT prevention. Code Z86.711 and Z86.718.
  - Hospital Discharge Impression: Pulmonary embolism, apixaban 5 mg. Code I26.99.

DVT

- Acute DVT
  - The coding default for "DVT," is the acute DVT code
  - Documentation should state "acute," when appropriate
- Chronic DVT
  - If chronic, DVT should be noted as such
- Examples
  - Assessment & Plan: Admitted with newly diagnosed DVT in the right basilic vein, starting anticoagulation – code I82.611, Acute embolism and thrombosis of superficial veins of right upper extremity.
  - Impression in office progress note: Chronic post-thrombotic changes in the LT distal external iliac vein. Code I82.522, Chronic embolism and thrombosis of left iliac vein.

References:

ICD-10-CM: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10

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