

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCE CARD

ARRHYTHMIA

Documentation Considerations

- **Assess arrhythmia annually and identify the specific type of arrhythmia in the documentation**
- **Identify any underlying conditions associated with the arrhythmia**
- **Document any treatment/intervention that occurred for the arrhythmia**
- **Link all medications ordered to support the arrhythmia or maintain normal heart rhythm**

Diagnosis Considerations

- **Use specific terminology to describe longstanding, persistent, chronic, paroxysmal or permanent when appropriate**
- **Document whether arrhythmia remains ongoing after surgical intervention or implantable cardiac defibrillator (ICD)**

Additional Considerations

- **If anticoagulant, antiarrhythmic, or another medication is required for treatment, link it to the diagnosis for which it was prescribed**
- **Do not code arrhythmias that have been corrected or resolved**
- **Indicate ongoing treatment by specialist when appropriate**
- **Document all abnormal findings in ROS and physical exam**



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