

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCE CARD

ASTHMA

Documentation Considerations

- **Document the clinical assessment and severity of asthma annually:**
 - Mild intermittent
 - Mild persistent
 - Moderate persistent
 - Severe persistent
- **Identify contributing factors: exercise induced, cough variant, smoking, chemical or particulate, occupational**
- **Distinguish asthma from other chronic respiratory conditions**

Diagnosis Considerations

- **Note Temporal Factors: acute, chronic, intermittent, persistent, status asthmaticus, acute exacerbation**
- **Document the treatment plan/medication regimen**
- **Note the relationship between asthma and chronic obstructive bronchitis/COPD when applicable**
- **Correlate results of PFTs to show airway limitations as well as any chest CT results**

Additional Considerations

- **Report history of tobacco, current tobacco use/dependence (including type of tobacco used), or exposure to secondary smoke**
- **Identify if associated hypercapnia, hypoxia, or respiratory failure (specify acute or chronic failure, ventilator dependence)**
- **Document oxygen use**



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