

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCE CARD

STROKE/CVA AND SEQUELA

Documentation Considerations

- Document vessel affected:
 - Precerebral
 - Cerebral
 - Cerebellar
- Document residual findings of the stroke with treatment plan and follow-up care
- Identify acuity of event (acute, healed, residual effects or sequelae)

Diagnosis Considerations

- Active stroke is only coded while in a hospital setting
- Code for residual effects when being seen for follow-up (hemiplegia, hemiparesis, aphasia, etc.)
- Code for “history of stroke” if patient has no residual effects from the stroke
- **NOTE: Reference the appropriate “Sequela” CVA Coding Reference Card to identify the correct diagnosis for residual effects.**

Additional Considerations

- Document patient’s dominant side
- Document laterality of affected side (right or left)
- Provide clarification and details when symptoms are new and unrelated to history of stroke sequela

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