

# DOCUMENTATION REFERENCE CARD

## DIABETES

### *Documentation Considerations*

- **Identify type of diabetes (Type 1, Type 2, Drug/ Chemical Induced, Other, Due to underlying condition, Gestational)**
- **Be specific - Impaired fasting glucose is not the same as diabetes.**
- **Identify all diabetic complications that exist**

### *Diagnosis Considerations*

- **Assign a separate diagnosis code for every diabetic complication the patient has**
- **Specify hypo- or hyper-glycemia rather than “Uncontrolled” (defaults to diabetes W/O complications)**
- **Document causal relationship and link diabetes with the complication or manifestation (i.e. PVD due to Type 2 DM or Type 2 DM w/diabetic cataract)**

### *Additional Considerations*

- **Document long term use of insulin/oral agents**
- **Record most recent Hgb A1C with date and clinical implication**
- **Note specialist follow-up with diagnoses**
- **Outdated Terminology: IDDM, NIDDM or Type 1.5 (Specify Type 1 or Type 2)**



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