

Documentation guide for:



Chest Pain

Coding Guidelines do NOT allow us to code unspecified Chest Pain. Chest Pain is typically a sign or symptom. Coders need to query for clarification of the Chest Pain.

Possible Types/Causes of Chest Pain

Atypical	Chest Wall
Pleuritic	Musculoskeletal
Precordial	Non-Cardiac
Anxiety	G.I. Etiology
Hypertension	Etiology Unknown

If possible, document the cause for the chest pain. If the cause is documented, it may become the principal diagnosis since Chest Pain is a symptom.

Examples:

Chest Pain due to CAD

Hypertension causing Chest Pain

Chest Pain resulting from GERD

Prior to discharge, a definitive diagnosis must be stated in the record for coding clarification.

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