ICD-10 Coding Tip

Abdominal Pain

In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding and Medical Billing Professionals with ICD-10, the following training tip is provided with an educational intent.

Abdominal Pain is divided into specific categories by location and type in ICD-10-CM

**Acute Abdomen**
- R10.0 Acute abdomen – severe abdominal pain (generalized) (with abdominal rigidity)

**Upper Abdomen**
- R10.10 Upper abdominal pain, unspecified
- R10.11 Right upper quadrant pain
- R10.12 Left upper quadrant pain
- R10.13 Epigastric pain – dyspepsia

**Pelvic and Perineal Pain**
- R10.2 Pelvic and perineal pain

**Abdominal Tenderness**
- R10.811 Right upper quadrant abdominal tenderness
- R10.812 Left upper quadrant abdominal tenderness
- R10.813 Right lower quadrant abdominal tenderness
- R10.814 Left lower quadrant abdominal tenderness
- R10.815 Periumbilical abdominal tenderness
- R10.816 Epigastric abdominal tenderness
- R10.817 Generalized abdominal tenderness
- R10.819 Abdominal tenderness unspecified site

**Colic**
- R10.83 Colic

**Generalized abdominal pain**
- R10.84 Generalized abdominal pain

**Unspecified abdominal pain**
- R10.9 Unspecified abdominal pain

**Lower Abdomen**
- R10.31 Right lower quadrant pain
- R10.32 Left lower quadrant pain
- R10.33 Periumbilical pain

**Rebound Abdominal Tenderness**
- R10.821 Right Upper quadrant rebound tenderness
- R10.822 Left upper quadrant rebound tenderness
- R10.823 Right lower quadrant rebound tenderness
- R10.824 Left lower quadrant rebound tenderness
- R10.825 Periumbilical rebound tenderness
- R10.826 Epigastric rebound tenderness
- R10.827 Generalized rebound tenderness
- R10.829 Rebound tenderness, unspecified site

Reference: 2014 ICD-10-CM Codebook

*Coding Clinic is the official resource and authority for ICD-10 coding rules and conventions.*

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