

# Pathologic Fracture

**In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding Professionals for ICD-10, the following is provided with an educational intent.**

- **Pathologic fracture documentation and coding will need to include:**

- ▶ **Exact location of fracture**
  - Site
  - Laterality (Left/Right)
- ▶ **Etiology of fracture**
  - Osteoporosis
  - Pathological
  - Neoplastic disease
- ▶ **Encounter type**
  - Initial encounter
  - Subsequent encounter
  - Subsequent encounter with delayed healing

**Also identify the level of the encounter:**

- A = Initial encounter for closed fracture**
- B = Initial encounter for open fracture**
- D = Subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing**
- G = Subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion**
- K = Subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion**
- P = Subsequent encounter for fracture with malunion**
- S = Sequela**

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