ICD-10

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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