

Sepsis

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

TIP: The coding of sepsis in ICD-9 requires two codes, however, ICD-10 will require two codes only if severe sepsis is documented. ICD-9 code category 995.x equates to ICD-10 category R65.2x. R65.2x is reported as a secondary diagnosis code only if severe sepsis (defined as infection associated with acute organ dysfunction, or sepsis with acute organ dysfunction, sepsis with multiple organ dysfunction, or systemic inflammatory response syndrome due to infectious process), is present.

ICD-10 code R65.2x is further divided into which additional inclusive diagnosis?

ICD-10 Trivia Answer: R65.20 is assigned for severe sepsis without septic shock, and R65.21, is assigned for severe sepsis with septic shock.

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

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