ICD-10 Coding Tip

Underdosing

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

Underdosing is defined as taking less of a medication than is prescribed by the provider or the manufacturer’s instructions. Underdosing is identified by the number “6” in the 5th or 6th character of an ICD-10 CM code.

Example: Coumadin underdosing, initial encounter - T45.516A
Underdosing of unspecified psychotropic drug - T43.96xA

**Sequencing of codes for underdosing**

- Do not assign Underdosing code as principal or first listed code
- Assign code for relapse or exacerbation of medical condition for which the medication is prescribed as the principal or first listed code
- Assign the code for the underdosing as an additional code
- Assign an additional code for noncompliance, if known
- Assign an additional code for complication of care, if known

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