

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**

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

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