



Screening Mammogram

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

A code for screening mammogram is assigned when the patient presents for the purpose of early detection of breast pathology, and the patient has no signs or symptoms relative to the disease.

The screening code is always listed first followed by any findings. If there are no findings documented in the test results, only the code for the screening mammogram is assigned.

If the patient also has a history of breast cancer, either personally, or in a family member, the code for personal history of malignant neoplasm of the breast, Z85.3 and/or family history of malignant neoplasm of the breast, Z80.3 is also assigned as a secondary diagnosis code.

- ICD-10-CM has only one code available for the assignment of screening mammogram whereas ICD-9-CM has two codes:
- ICD-10-CM Code: Z12.31, Encounter for screening mammogram
- ICD-9-CM Codes: V76.11, Screening mammogram for high-risk patient; V76.12, Screening mammogram

References: 3M Coding Reference I-10 Coding Handbook

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

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