ICD-10 Diseases of the Respiratory System

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Objectives

- Documentation update
- Classifications
- Case Study
- Resources/References
ICD-10 Documentation: Asthma

• Look for indicators of acute respiratory failure
• Clarify the relationship between COPD, bronchitis, and asthma
ICD-10 Documentation: Asthma

- ICD-10 distinguishes between uncomplicated cases and those in exacerbation
  - Acute exacerbation is a worsening or decompensating of a chronic condition
  - An acute exacerbation is not equivalent to an infection superimposed on a chronic condition
- Additional code can be used regarding exposure to or use of tobacco
ICD-10 Documentation: Asthma

• Incorporate the following scales into documentation templates or queries
  • The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) asthma severity classification scale accounts for the progressive nature of asthma by measuring it across the dimensions of types of symptoms and lung function
    • Mild intermittent
    • Mild persistent
    • Moderate persistent
    • Severe persistent
# Severity of Asthma Classification

## Presentation of Asthma before (without) Treatment

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<th>Type of Asthma</th>
<th>Symptoms</th>
<th>Nighttime Symptoms</th>
<th>Lung Function</th>
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| Severe persistent   | • Continual symptoms  
                      • Limited physical activity  
                      • Frequent exacerbations   | Frequent           | • FEV₁ or PEF ≤ 60% predicted  
                      • PEF variability > 30%  |
| Moderate persistent | • Daily symptoms  
                      • Daily use of inhaled short-acting beta₂-agonist  
                      • Exacerbation of affect activity  
                      • Exacerbation ≥ 2 times/week ≥ 1 day(s) | > 1 time/week      | • FEV₁ or PEF 60-80% predicted  
                      • PEF variability > 30%  |
| Mild persistent     | • Symptoms > 2 times/week but < 1 time/day  
                      • Exacerbation may affect activity | > 2 times/month    | • FEV₁ or PEF ≥ 80% predicted  
                      • PEF variability 20-30%  |
| Mild intermittent   | • Symptoms ≤ 2 times/week  
                      • Asymptomatic and normal PEF between exacerbations  
                      • Exacerbations of varying intensity are brief (a few hours to a few days) | ≤ 2 times/month    | • FEV₁ or PEF ≥ 80% predicted  
                      • PEF variability < 20%  |

FEV₁ = The maximal amount of air a person can forcefully exhale over one second accounting for the variables of height, weight, and race used to denote the degree of obstruction with asthma.  
PEF = Peak Expiratory Flow is the maximum flow of expelled air during expiration following full inspiration (big breath in and then big breath out)  
Source: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute - [http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/asthgdln.htm](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/asthgdln.htm)
Case Study

Olive is a 10-year-old being seen because of severe persistent asthma with acute exacerbation. Her uncle was smoking in the house on a daily basis. What diagnosis codes are assigned?

http://www.mckinley.illinois.edu/Handouts/asthma/asthma.jpg
Case Study: Index

Asthma, asthmatic (bronchial) (catarrh) (spasmodic) J45.909
- with
  -- chronic obstructive bronchitis J44.9
  -- with
    --- acute lower respiratory infection J44.0
    --- exacerbation (acute) J44.1
  -- chronic obstructive pulmonary disease J44.9
  -- with
    --- acute lower respiratory infection J44.0
    --- exacerbation (acute) J44.1
  - severe persistent J45.50
    - with
      --- exacerbation (acute) J45.51
      --- status asthmaticus J45.52
      J45.50
### Case Study: Tabular

**Asthma J45**

| Includes: | allergic (predominantly) asthma  
|          | allergic bronchitis NOS  
|          | allergic rhinitis with asthma  
|          | atopic asthma |

**J45.5 Severe persistent asthma**

- **J45.50** Severe persistent asthma, uncomplicated  
  Severe persistent asthma NOS  

- **J45.51** Severe persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation  
  exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (Z77.22)  
  exposure to tobacco smoke in the perinatal period (P96.81)  
  history of tobacco use (Z87.891)  
  occupational exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (Z57.31)  
  tobacco dependence (F17.-)  
  tobacco use (Z72.0)

| Excludes1: | detergent asthma (J69.8)  
|           | eosinophilic asthma (J82) |
### Case Study: Tabular

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<td>Contact with and (suspected) exposure to potentially hazardous body fluids</td>
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Case Study Answer

J45.51 Severe persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation

Z77.22 Contact with and (suspected) exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (acute) (chronic)
Resources

Questions

Thank you!