the Coding Talk...

To Code or Not To Code

Diagnosis of the Month...

Congestive Heart Failure

ICD-10-CM Code – I50.XXX

Physician/MLP Reminder:

Other types of heart failure are specified to include:

- Right heart failure, unspecified

- Acute right heart failure

- Chronic right heart failure

- Acute on chronic right heart failure

- Right heart failure due to left heart failure

- Biventricular heart failure

- High output heart failure

- End stage heart failure

Physician/MLP Documentation to support diagnosis of CHF

Type and acuity are the primary terms needed to specify the kind of CHF the patient has:

- Systolic heart failure
  - Contemporary terms for systolic heart failure include heart failure with reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF), heart failure with low ejection fraction, and heart failure with reduced systolic function
  - acute and/or chronic
- Diastolic heart failure; acute and or chronic
  - Contemporary term for diastolic heart failure is heart failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF)
- Combined systolic and diastolic heart failure; acute and or chronic
- Other