

the Coding Talk...

To Code or Not To Code

Diagnosis of the month:
Functional Quadriplegia



Documentation Examples/
Clinical Indicators:

- Total care/complete immobility
- Total assistance to get into wheelchair
- ADL- dependent
- Requires total assistance
- Unable to move without assistance
- Physical exam support – ex. contractures, pressure ulcers, confusion
- Bedbound

Functional Quadriplegia is defined as:

Inability to use arms and legs due to another condition which is not related to neurological deficits or spinal injury

Patient is unable to participate meaningfully in his or her own care which greatly increases the nursing acuity of the admission

Not a true paresis

Patient is not mobile as a result of severe disease process such as Parkinson, advanced (bedridden) dementia, severe arthritis (severe contractures)

