

Documentation Tip



Congestive Heart Failure

When documenting CHF include the type and severity to ensure accurate coding and to capture the appropriate MCC/CC (Major Complication or Comorbidity / Regular Complication or Comorbidity).

Specify acuity:

- Acute
- Chronic
- Acute on Chronic

Specify Type

- Systolic
- Diastolic
- Systolic and Diastolic

Major CC: Major Complication or Comorbidity:

- Acute systolic heart failure
- Acute diastolic heart failure
- Acute systolic and diastolic heart failure
- Acute on chronic systolic heart failure
- Acute on chronic diastolic heart failure
- Acute on chronic systolic and diastolic heart failure

CC: Regular Complication or Comorbidity (Less severe than major, but still significant):

- Left heart failure
- Chronic diastolic heart failure
- Chronic systolic heart failure (NOS)
- Chronic systolic and diastolic heart failure
- Systolic heart failure, not otherwise specified (NOS)
- Diastolic heart failure, not otherwise specified

Non-CC Diagnosis not in either category above (Less significant for severity of illness, risk of mortality, or acuity):

- CHF, NOS
- Heart Failure, NOS