

Documentation Tip



Diabetes Mellitus

The following are important documentation tips and strategies for this disease/condition.

- Identify the type (i.e. Type I or Type II).
- Clarify any cause and effect relationship between diabetes and other conditions (e.g. diabetic peripheral vascular disease).
- Specify long term use of insulin for type II diabetes.
- List the underlying condition, drug, or chemical responsible for secondary diabetes (e.g., steroid – induced).
- Differentiate when diabetes is accompanied by “hypo” or “hyper” glycemia.
 - State if hypoglycemia is or is not causing a coma.