

Documentation Tip



Malnutrition

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

Major CC: Major Complication or Comorbidity

- Severe Protein Calorie Malnutrition
- Protein only – (Codes to Kwashiorkor)
- Malignant (ie Kwashiorkor)

CC: Regular Complication or Comorbidity

- Specified Malnutrition
- Malnutrition NOS
- Post surgical intestinal malabsorption (following GI Surgery)

Non-CC: Diagnosis not in either category above

- Mild Protein Calorie Malnutrition
- Moderate Protein Calorie Malnutrition

Always document specificity of the diagnoses to reflect the severity of illness. This improves the accuracy of coding, the accuracy of the severity of illness, and the accuracy of comparative data for our patient population.