



DOCUMENTING FRACTURES (M and S codes)

- Identify the current fracture site.
- Identify the type of fracture.
- Specify the healing status of the current fracture (e.g., routine, delayed, nonunion, malunion).
- Indicate the Gustilo classification for open fractures:
 - Type I, II, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC
- Provide information regarding the encounter type (e.g. sequela).

ICD-10

DOCUMENTING INJURIES (S00-T88)

- When describing an injury detail is important.
- Examples of information to include:
 - Anatomical site of the injury, including laterality with appropriate landmarks
 - Type of the injury
 - Severity of the injury
 - Is infection present?
 - Episode of care (e.g., initial, subsequent, sequelae). Initial encounters may also require, where appropriate, intent (e.g., unintentional or accidental, self-harm, etc.), and status (e.g., civilian, military, etc.)
 - Description of the circumstances-timeframe, how, where, when the injury or accident occurred.
 - Causation, if relevant, what was the patient doing at the time of the injury or accident (e.g., sports, motor vehicle crash, pedestrian, slip and fall). These would be identified as external causes and are relevant to all types of injuries.

Documentation Changes

- Laterality for all conditions that affect limbs
- Encounter type as initial, subsequent and sequela
- Gustillo classification type for open fractures
- Malunion and nonunion for each fracture site and type

SCENARIO

This 46-year-old male, working on his own home improvement projects, fell from a ladder outside of his single family home. After evaluation, it was determined that he had a non-displaced femoral neck fracture on the left side. At this time, no surgical intervention is planned.

ICD-9-CM	ICD-10-CM
820.8- Unspecified part of neck of femur closed	S72.002A- Fracture of unspecified part of neck of left femur, initial encounter for closed fracture
E881.0- Fall from ladder	W11.XXXA- Fall on and from ladder, initial encounter
E849.0- Place of occurrence,home	Y92.018- Other place in single-family (private) house as the place of occurrence of the external cause
E016.9- Other activity involving property and land maintenance, building and construction	Y93.H9- Activity, other involving exterior property and land maintenance, building and construction
E000.8- Other external cause status	Y99.8- Other external cause status