

ANEMIA

The following are important documentation tips and strategies for this disease/condition as required by the specificity needed in ICD-10:

- Identify the type of anemia (e.g., nutritional, hemolytic, aplastic, blood loss, etc.).
- Specify the acuity of the disease (i.e., acute or chronic).
- Provide the name of the deficient vitamin(s) and/or mineral(s) for nutritional anemias.
- Describe hemolytic anemias as being hereditary, acquired, enzyme disorders, autoimmune, or non-autoimmune.
- Detail the underlying cause or provide a statement indicating “unknown cause” (e.g., chronic kidney disease, trauma, ulcer, cancer, chemotherapy, etc.).
 - *List the name and purpose of substances (e.g., medications) causing anemia.*
- Link lab findings to a related diagnosis (e.g., leukocytosis to hereditary hemolytic anemia, low vitamin B12 level to pernicious anemia, etc.).