

BACK PAIN

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

- Specify the site (e.g., low back, thoracic, cervical, etc.).
- State the laterality when applicable (i.e., right, left, or bilateral).
- Identify the underlying cause of the pain.
- Differentiate between panniculitis and radiculopathy.
- Detail when lumbago is accompanied by sciatica.