

BURNS AND CORROSIONS

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

- Identify the following:
 - *Anatomic site (e.g., elbow, trunk, shoulder, etc.) and laterality (i.e., right or left) of the burn.*
 - *Degree of the burn (i.e., first, second, or third).*
 - *Type of burn (e.g., thermal, radiation, electric, etc.)*
 - *Extent of body surface involved based on the rule of nines (e.g., <10%, 20-29%, 80-89%, etc.).*
 - *Substance causing injury (e.g., fire, gasoline, bleach, hot toaster oven, hot water, etc.).*
 - *Place injury occurred (e.g., apartment kitchen, orphanage bathroom, prison cell, etc.).*
 - *Intent of injury (e.g., intentional, assault, etc.).*
- Sunburns require degree documentation (i.e., first, second, or third).