

CATARACT

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

- Age-related cataracts must specify the type (e.g., incipient, nuclear, morgagnian), site (e.g., cortical, anterior sub-capsular, posterior subcapsular, combined), and laterality (i.e., right or left).
- Infantile and juvenile cataracts must specify the site (e.g., cortical, lamellar, zonular, nuclear, anterior subcapsular, posterior subcapsular, combined) and laterality (i.e., right or left).
- List the drug associated with drug-induced cataracts (e.g., prednisone, Thorazine, Amiodarone, etc.).
- Traumatic cataracts must specify the type (e.g., localized, partial, total).
 - *Identify the circumstances associated with trauma (e.g., eye struck with a softball, eye stabbed with the eraser end of a pencil, etc.).*
- Specify any associated or underlying conditions (e.g., chronic iridocyclitis, glaucoma, hypoparathyroidism, etc.).