

## CEREBROVASCULAR DISORDERS

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

- Identify the affected vessel (e.g., vertebral, anterior and Posterior communicating, middle cerebral, carotid, bifurcation, etc.).
- State the laterality (i.e., right or left).
- Detail the cause of the condition (e.g., hemorrhage, occlusion, stenosis, thrombosis, etc.).
- Delineate when the condition **does** and **does not** result in a cerebral infarction.
- Ascertain any underlying conditions (e.g., atrial fibrillation, hypertension, etc.).
- Link test results and findings to a related diagnosis (e.g., MRA showing ruptured right vertebral artery aneurysm to subarachnoid hemorrhagic stroke).
- List any residual conditions (e.g., hemiplegia, left, non-Dominant status post-CVA).
- List any alcohol, drug, or tobacco use, abuse, or dependence. Also, list tobacco exposure (e.g., second hand, occupational, etc.).