

DYSRHYTHMIA AND ARRHYTHMIA

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

Disorders of the cardiac conduction system require very specific documentation such as:

- *Cardiac arrest – identify the underlying cause (e.g., trauma, AMI, etc.).*
- *Paroxysmal tachycardia – provide the type (e.g., re-entry, supraventricular, ventricular) and underlying cause (e.g., illicit drug use, hyperkalemia, etc.).*
- *Atrial fibrillation and flutter – differentiate if patient has one or both and list the underlying cause (e.g., HTN, hyperthyroidism, alcohol consumption, etc.).*
- *Atrioventricular and left bundle-branch block – specify the type/location (e.g., first, second, third, anterior, posterior, etc.) and underlying cause (e.g., Digoxin, AMI, myocarditis, rheumatic fever, etc.).*
- *Other conduction disorders – indicate the type (e.g., bifascicular, trifascicular, long QT syndrome, etc.) and underlying cause (e.g. hypomagnesemia, Amiodarone, myopericarditis, etc.).*
- *Other cardiac arrhythmias – specify the type (e.g., ventricular fibrillation, ventricular flutter, sick sinus syndrome, PACs, etc.) and underlying cause (e.g., Calan, pulmonary emboli, hypothermia, etc.).*