

## VERTEBRAL FRACTURE

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

- Identify the specific anatomical location of the fracture (e.g., fourth lumbar vertebra, seventh cervical vertebra, T 5-6, etc.).
- Indicate the type of fracture (e.g., traumatic, pathological, stress, wedge compression, Type II, burst, etc.).
- List the level of any spinal cord injury.
- Clarify a stable versus unstable fracture.
- Provide information regarding the activity, location, and circumstances surrounding the injury.
- Specify any associated or underlying disease (e.g., osteoporosis).
- State if the fracture is displaced or nondisplaced.
- Clarify open versus closed fractures.
- Detail the healing progress (e.g., routine, delayed, nonunion).
- Indicate if the encounter is for initial, subsequent, or sequela treatment.