

FUNCTION STUDIES & ABNORMAL FINDINGS

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

- Include the clinical significance of abnormal findings and link them to a related disease process when possible.
 - *If unable to link, detail your thoughts regarding the abnormal finding's relevance to the patient's condition and/or treatment.*
- Abnormal findings that require the attending practitioner's evaluation, interpretation, and collation include:
 - *Abnormal radiology tests (e.g., lung mass found on a diagnostic lung imaging, microcalcification of the breast found on mammographic diagnostic imaging, etc.).*
 - *Abnormal pathology reports.*
 - *Abnormal laboratory tests (e.g., guaiac positive stool, elevated PT, hematuria, elevated liver enzymes, etc.).*
 - *Abnormal studies (e.g., EEG, EKG, EMG, hearing tests, pulmonary function studies, stress test, etc.).*