



MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS

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

- Specify the acuity of the disease (e.g., mild, moderate, severe) and the status (e.g., single versus recurrent major depression, in remission versus not).
- List any specific physiological condition associated with a mental or behavioral disorder (e.g., speech impediment with autism).
- Detail any disease process related to behavioral disorder (e.g., Alzheimer's with aggressive behaviors).
- Identify any related alcohol or drug use, abuse, dependence, or past history.
- Provide information regarding any underlying conditions (e.g., Multiple sclerosis, HIV, hypercalcemia, etc.).