

PRESSURE SKIN ULCERS

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

- Detail the site (e.g., hip, buttock, ankle, heel, head, etc.).
 - *Specify the location of pressure ulcers of the back as being upper or lower back.*
- State the laterality (i.e., right, left, or bilateral).
- Identify contiguous back, buttock, and/or hip ulcers.
- List gangrene when present.
- Provide information regarding any associated conditions (e.g., diabetes mellitus, malnutrition, etc.).
- Report the stage (e.g., I, III, unstageable, etc.).