

PRESSURE ULCERS

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

- Identify the specific site (e.g., sacrum, hip, buttock, ankle, heel, etc.).
- State the laterality (i.e., right, left, or bilateral).
- Differentiate the location of pressure ulcers on the back as being upper or lower.
- Report contiguous back, buttock, and/or hip ulcers.
- List any gangrene.
- Clarify any associated condition (e.g., diabetes mellitus, malnutrition).
- Provide information regarding the ulcer stage or state “unstageable.”