



PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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

- Specify alcohol or drug use, abuse, dependence, or past history.
- State the specific drug or substance being used, abused, or causing dependency.
- Detail when alcohol and drug dependence is in remission.
- Differentiate between a history of nicotine dependence and current use.
- List any intoxication.
- Provide blood alcohol levels.
- Indicate the presence of any conditions associated with withdrawal symptoms (e.g., delirium, tremors, mood or psychotic disorders, sexual dysfunction, sleep disorder, etc.).