

RESPIRATORY FAILURE

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 respiratory failure (i.e., acute, chronic, or acute and chronic).
- Differentiate respiratory failure from respiratory distress syndrome, respiratory arrest, and post-procedural respiratory failure.
- Detail if hypoxia or hypercapnia accompany respiratory failure.
- List any related tobacco use, abuse, dependence, past history, or smoke exposure (e.g., second hand, occupational, etc.).