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Neurology Coding ICD-10-CM Coding Tip Sheet Overview of Key Chapter Updates for Neurology

Chapter 6 - Diseases of the Nervous System (G00 – G99)

Key Updates to the Nervous System Chapter Include:

- ICD-10-CM devotes chapter 6 to diseases of the nervous system. The sense organs (eye/adnexa and ear/mastoid processes) have their own chapters.
- Classification improvements (significant changes to sleep disorders)
- Code expansions (Alzheimer's, headaches)
- Updates to medical terminology (epilepsy, seizures)
- Codes for TIA are now included in the nervous system chapter in ICD-10-CM

Examples of Laterality

- M79.601 Pain in right arm
- M79.602 Pain in left arm
- Note: Wherever there are codes for laterality, there is always a code for unspecified M79.603 – Pain in arm, unspecified

(Source: 2014 Draft ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting)

The top ten neurology ICD-9 to ICD-10 mappings are found in the chart below.

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Тор	ICD-9		ICD-10	
10	Code	ICD-9 Description	Code	ICD-10 Description
1	724.2	Lumbago	M54.5	Low back pain
		Closed dislocation, lumbar		Subluxation complex (vertebral) of lumbar
2	839.20	vertebra	M99.13	region
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				Traumatic rupture of lumbar intervertebral
			S33.0xxA	disc, initial encounter
				Subluxation of unspecified lumbar vertebra,
			S33.100A	initial encounter
				Dislocation of unspecified lumbar vertebra,
			S33.101A	initial encounter
				Subluxation of L1/L2 lumbar vertebra, initial
			S33.110A	encounter
				Dislocation of L1/L2 lumbar vertebra, initial
			S33.111A	encounter
				Subluxation of L2/L3 lumbar vertebra, initial
			S33.120A	encounter
				Dislocation of L2/L3 lumbar vertebra, initial
			S33.121A	encounter
				Subluxation of L3/L4 lumbar vertebra, initial
			S33.130A	encounter

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Тор	ICD-9		ICD-10	
10	Code	ICD-9 Description	Code	ICD-10 Description
				Dislocation of L3/L4 lumbar vertebra, initial
			S33.131A	encounter
				Subluxation of L4/L5 lumbar vertebra, initial
			S33.140A	encounter
				Dislocation of L4/L5 lumbar vertebra, initial
			S33.141A	encounter
3	739.3	Nonallopathic lesions,		Segmental and somatic dysfunction of lumbar
5	139.5	lumbar region	M99.03	region
4	739.1	Nonallopathic lesions,		Segmental and somatic dysfunction of
-	700.1	cervical region	M99.01	cervical region
5	839.08	Closed dislocation,		Subluxation of unspecified cervical vertebrae,
	000.00	multiple cervical vertebrae	S13.100A	initial encounter
				Dislocation of unspecified cervical vertebrae,
			S13.101A	initial encounter
6	719.46	Pain in joint, lower leg	M25.561	Pain in right knee
			M25.562	Pain in left knee
			M25.569	Pain in unspecified knee
7	723.1	Cervicalgia	M54.2	Cervicalgia
8	780.79	Other malaise and fatigue	G93.3	Postviral fatigue syndrome
		ŭ	R53.0	Neoplastic (malignant) related fatigue
			R53.1	Weakness
			R53.81	Other malaise
			R53.83	Other fatigue
9	729.5	Pain in limb	M79.601	Pain in right arm
			M79.602	Pain in left arm
			M79.603	Pain in arm, unspecified
			M79.604	Pain in right leg
			M79.605	Pain in left leg
			M79.606	Pain in leg, unspecified
			M79.609	Pain in unspecified limb
			M79.621	Pain in right upper arm
			M79.622	Pain in left upper arm
			M79.629	Pain in unspecified upper arm
			M79.631	Pain in right forearm
			M79.632	Pain in left forearm
			M79.639	Pain in unspecified forearm
			M79.641	Pain in right hand
			M79.642	Pain in left hand
			M79.643	Pain in unspecified hand
			M79.644	Pain in right finger(s)
			M79.645	Pain in left finger(s)
			M79.646	Pain in unspecified finger(s)
			M79.651	Pain in right thigh
			M79.652	Pain in left thigh
			M79.659	Pain in unspecified thigh
			M79.661	Pain in right lower leg
			M79.662	Pain in left lower leg
			M79.669	Pain in unspecified lower leg
			M79.671	Pain in right foot
			M79.672	Pain in left foot
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Тор 10	ICD-9 Code	ICD-9 Description	ICD-10 Code	ICD-10 Description
			M79.673	Pain in unspecified foot
			M79.674	Pain in right toe(s)
			M79.675	Pain in left toe(s)
			M79.676	Pain in unspecified toe(s)
10	784.0	Headache	G44.1	Vascular headache, not elsewhere classified
			R51	Headache

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The codes highlighted in **orange** indicate the individual ICD-9 code that is being mapped to one or many ICD-10 codes

(Source of ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM mappings: CMS.org General Equivalence Mappings (GEMs), 2014)

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