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Appendix 2

Example 1. Starting with Medical Decision Making 2 of the 3 parts, Data, Diagnosis, and Risk need to be met or exceeded. In this example, circled in green, there is 1 point for Data: order imaging (Straight Forward), 4 points for Diagnosis for a new problem with work up planned (High complexity), and Moderate Risk for an Acute complicated injury. Moderate Risk (level 4) and High Complexity Diagnosis (level 5) are the 2 parts chosen. The lower of those two is Moderate Risk (level 4). So, overall, the MDM component is Moderate (level 4).

For a New Patient visit 3/3 key components must be met or exceeded. In this case, circled in red, the key components are a Detailed (level 3) History a Detailed (level 3) Exam and a Moderate (level 4) Medical Decision Making. The code is determined by the lowest of the 3 components, left most column. So this is a 99203 encounter.

- CC: “my left shoulder hurts” 1
- HPI: Lateral deltoid pain,
- aching, pain is 7/10, X 2 weeks post lifting 4
- ROS: CV: No chest pain. Neuro: No numbness 2
- PFSH: Works as plumber 1
- PE: A+O, appears age of 55, 13
- Right shoulder: Skin without lesion, Tenerally lateral, 0-140 ROM, 3/5 motor strength, no instability. Sensation intact to light touch

Left shoulder: Skin without lesion, Nontender, FROM, 5/5 motor strength, no instability.

- Impression: New patient rotator cuff tear
- Plan: order MRI.
- MDM: Moderate
- Code: 99203

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HPI:
Lateral deltoid pain, aching, 7/10, X 2 weeks post lifting

ROS:
CV: No chest pain.
Neuro: No numbness

PE:
Right shoulder (skin without lesion, tender laterally, 0-140, strength 3/5, stable) sensation intact to LT, no swelling.

Impression:
New patient rotator cuff tear

Plan:
Order MRI.

MDM:
Moderate

Code 99202

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Example 3. In an Established Patient visit 2/3 key components must be met or exceeded. In this case the key components, circled in red, are a level 2 History, a level 3 Exam and level 2 Medical Decision Making. In this case, even though there is a level 2 Exam, the other two components are both level 2 making this a 99212 encounter.

Looking specifically at the Medical Decision Making component, 2 of the 3 parts, Data, Diagnosis, and Risk need to be met or exceeded. In this example, circled in green, there are no points for Data, 1 point for Diagnosis for an established problem improved (Straight Forward), and Straight forward Risk for an a resolved injury. Straight Forward Diagnosis and Straight Forward Risk are the 2 parts chosen. So, overall, the MDM component is Straight Forward (level 2).

- CC: R ankle pain
- HPI: The ankle is feeling better
- Exam: Walks without limp. Skin intact. Non tender. FROM. 5/5 motor strength, No instability. 6
- Impression: Ankle sprain resolved.
- Plan: F/U PRN.
- MDM: Straight Forward.
- Code: 99212

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Example 4. For an Established patient visit 2/3 key components must be met or exceeded. In this example, circled in red, there is a level 3 History, a level 2 Physical Exam and a level 3 Medical Decision Making component. Since this is an Established visit, only two key components need to be selected, and in this example, History and Medical Decision Making are chosen. So, this is a 99213 encounter.

Looking specifically at Medical Decision Making, 2 of the 3 parts, Data, Diagnosis, and Risk need to be met or exceeded. In this example, circled in green, there are 2 points for Data review and summarize record from Physical Therapist. 1 point for Diagnosis, established problem stable, Straight Forward. And Low Risk for management option selected, PT. Low complexity Data and Low Risk are the 2 parts chosen. So, overall, the MDM component is Low Complexity (level 3).

- CC: R knee pain and stiffness 1
- HPI: 4 mo s/p ACL recon 2
- ROS: CV: No Calf pain or swelling 1
- PE: Right Knee: Nontender, 10-100 ROM, Strength 4/5, No Lachman. 4
- Data: Physical Therapist’s note is reviewed: Stiff and weak needs more PT
- Impression: Post op ACL with continued loss of strength and motion.
- Plan: Order PT.
- MDM: Low.
- Code: 99213
Example 5. In an established patient visit 2/3 key components must be met or exceeded. In this case, circled in red, the key components are a level 4 History, a level 3 Exam and a level 4 Medical Decision Making. Since this is an Established visit, only two key components need to be selected, and in this example, level 4 History and level 4 Medical Decision Making are chosen. So, this is a 99214 encounter.

Looking specifically at the Medical Decision Making component, 2 of the 3 parts, Data, Diagnosis, and Risk need to be met or exceeded. In this example, circled in green, there are 3 points for Data (moderate complexity), 2 points for Diagnosis for an established problem worse (Low complexity), and Moderate Risk for surgery in a healthy patient. Moderate Data, and Moderate Risk are the 2 parts chosen. So, overall, the MDM component is Moderate Complexity (level 4).

- CC: Left knee instability
- ROS: Neuro: no numbness, CV: no calf swelling
- PFSII: College FB
- Data: MRI reviewed independently: ACL, Medial Meniscus Tear.
- Rad. Report: ACL, MMT.

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