

ICD-10 CODES | SPINE | TRAUMA

1. General Documentation

- a. Document which vertebrae as precisely as possible
- b. Document stable versus unstable
- c. Document displaced versus non displaced
- d. Don't forget:
 - i. initial versus subsequent
 - ii. Detailed description of mechanism and circumstances
 - iii. Left versus right
 - iv. Fracture pattern
 - v. Closed versus open
 - vi. Anatomy of fracture location
 - vii. Is there a "type?" Colles, Bartons, etc.
 - viii. Underlying cause: traumatic , pathological, stress
 - ix. Underlying disease? E.g. Osteoporosis
 - x. Healing process: routine, delayed, nonunion, malunion

2. Sprains

- a. Cervical
 - i. Anterior Longitudinal Ligament
 - ii. Atlanto-Occipital Ligament
 - iii. Atlanto-axial Ligament
 - iv. Whiplash Injury
 - v. "Sprains of joints and ligaments of neck" if you cannot be more specific
- b. Thoracic:
 - i. Sprain of ligaments, joints, or cartilage of thoracic spine
- c. Lumbar
 - i. Sprain of ligaments, joints, disc, or cartilage of lumbar spine
 - ii. Sprain of Sacro-Iliac joints

3. Fractures

- a. Cervical:
 - i. C1:
 1. Burst
 2. Posterior Arch
 3. Lateral Mass
 4. Other
 - ii. C2:
 1. Dens fractures:
 - a. Type 1
 - b. Type 2
 - i. Anterior, Posterior, non-displaced

- c. Type 3
 - 2. Other Fracture of C2
 - 3. Traumatic spondylolisthesis of C2
 - a. Non-displaced, displaced, Type 3 displaced
- iii. C3-7
 - 1. Fractures
 - a. Describe type and anatomy
 - i. Wedge compression
 - ii. Burst
 - iii. Other: neural arch, spinous process, transverse process
 - b. Displaced or non-displaced
 - 2. Traumatic Spondylolisthesis
- b. Thoracic and Lumbar
 - i. Wedge Compression
 - ii. Burst
 - 1. Stable versus Unstable
 - iii. Other: includes neural arch, spinous process, transverse process

4. Traumatic Instability

- a. By Level e.g. C3-C4
- b. Traumatic Spondylolistheses by Grade
- c. Subluxation
- d. Dislocation

5. Spinal Cord Injuries

- a. Document by level
- b. Cervical
 - i. Complete Lesion
 - ii. Incomplete Lesions
 - 1. Concussion and edema
 - 2. Anterior Cord Syndrome
 - 3. Central Cord Syndrome
 - 4. Brown-Sequard Syndrome
 - 5. Posterior Cord Syndrome
 - 6. Other incomplete lesions
 - 7. Injury to nerve roots of neck
 - 8. Injury to peripheral nerves of neck
 - 9. Injury to brachial plexus
 - 10. Injury to cervical sympathetic nerves
 - 11. Other incomplete lesions
- c. Thoracic
 - i. Complete lesion
 - ii. Incomplete lesions
 - 1. Concussion and edema

2. Anterior Cord Syndrome
3. Brown-Sequard Syndrome
4. Injury to Nerve root
5. Injury to Peripheral nerves of the thorax
6. Injury to thoracic sympathetic system
7. Other

d. Lumbosacral

- i. Complete lesion
- ii. Incomplete lesion
 1. Concussion and edema
 2. Incomplete
 3. Cauda Equina
 4. Other
 5. Injury to nerve root of lumbar and sacral spine
 6. Injury of peripheral nerve of Lumbosacral spine
 7. Injury of sympathetic nerve of Lumbosacral spine

6. Pathological Fractures

- a. Document level.
- b. Fatigue Fracture (stress fracture)
- c. Pathological fracture
 - i. Due to neoplasm
 - ii. Due to osteoporosis
 - iii. Due to other diagnosis