

Documentation Tips - 2017

KEY “Trauma/Surg Spec” Diagnoses/Tips:

- **Arrests / Shock / Arrhythmias:** *Specify Type;*
- **Coma / Unconsciousness:** *Specify LOC time; Specify “Brain Compress.”, “Cerebral Edema”, and also Traumatic vs Non-Traumatic Brain Injuries, etc.*
- **Fracture:** *Type, Specific Site(s), Laterality, Displaced vs Nondispl., Closed vs Open;*
- **Acute Blood Loss Anemia:** *Specify Cause; or Specify d/t underlying Dx, medication, or “As expected” w/ a normally bloody proced.;*
- **Caution w/ the term “Post-Op” + a [Dx]:** *Which may trigger the code for a “complication”; (Explain causes of new Dx, esp. if they are an exacerbation of an underlying Acute/Chronic Dx)*
- **Peritonitis:** *Note: “Rebound Tenderness” + “Rigid Abdomen” do NOT capture Severity;*
- **Infections:** *Specify If surgery-related / POA; (Specify if “Bacterial”, “Gram Neg”; +Add Site)*
- **Debridement:** *Specify, If “Excisional” + Instruments used, Nature of Tissue Removed, Appearance, Wound Size, Debridement Depth...*
- **Also: BMI, Malnutrition, Cachexia, M-Obesity All Acute & Chronic Medical Dx, Disabilities;**

Use Anesthesia & Medicine Consult Notes: ID all acute/chronic Med Dx in first Post-Op Note; *(Include All Surg & Med Dx in your DC summary)*