



Tips & Tricks

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Find the appropriate dementia codes & guidance

Determine for Dementia

- What is the underlying etiology? (e.g., Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, CVA)
- Is the patient experiencing behavioral disturbance?
Are they wandering?
- Is the patient experiencing delirium?

Common Types of Dementia

- Alzheimer's disease (60% – 80% of cases)
- Vascular dementia (10% of cases)
- Dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB), includes dementia with parkinsonism
- Dementia due to Parkinson's disease
- Senile dementia

**if more than one form of dementia is present, code them all

Common Types of Dementia

Wandering

Z91.83 should be used as an additional code, if applicable, to identify wandering in patients with dementia with behavioral disturbance.

Delirium

Characterized by sudden, severe confusion due to rapid changes in brain function that occur with physical or mental illness. Usually temporary and reversible, delirium involves a quick change between mental states and may last as long as one week. Symptoms may include confusion, disorganized thinking, irritability, changes in level of consciousness, alertness, sleep patterns, etc.

*F05 includes "sundowning" if documented