Case Medical Records PDF Generation Instructions

Read through the following instructions carefully. Each section provides guidance on what documents to include for the audit. Work closely with your Medical Records or IT department to assemble this PDF. It is critical to the success of your audit that you provide the information requested in this document.

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Pre-op H &P:

Preoperative H&P and preoperative office notes. These documents are required to code Risk Factors, Smoking status, Clinical Staging, pre-surgery treatments (chemo/radiation) and Patient ECOG score.

Admission H&P:

H&P used for the patient's admission. This document is needed to determine the patient's status just prior to surgery. (ECOG score)

Diagnostic Tests:

Pre and post diagnostic test results, include studies used for clinical staging. Test documentation should include: CT scans, PET/CT scans, EUS, EBUS, Bronchoscopy, Path reports of any biopsies. This information is needed to code Clinical Staging.

PFT:

Include all Pulmonary Function Tests done during the workup of the patient prior to surgery (PFTs must have been done < 12 months prior to surgery). Include the actual PFT report if available. If PFT report is not available, provide test results in Office Visit note.

COVID 19:

Provide documentation (Lab results) on any COVID-19 testing done prior to surgery and post surgery.

Operative Notes:

All operative notes for the entire episode of care including the index surgery and returns to OR. If multiple physicians participated in the surgery, include the notes from both surgeons.

Procedure Times:

Include documentation that provides the procedure start and end times. This could be the Surgical Record or Anesthesia Record. Please provide a Key to your source document for these data elements. For example, Surgical Record Case Start = Procedure Start or Use procedure times from Anesthesia Record

Hospital Progress Notes:

Progress notes from the patient's surgical admission including any notations of complications, additional surgeries/ procedures, intubation, extubations, and reintubations.

Consult Notes:

Consult notes from the patient's surgical admission including any notations of complications.

Pathology Reports:

Pathology reports for final pathology after surgery.
Also include any pre procedure pathology that was used for clinical staging

Discharge Status:

Discharge Summary for the episode of care

Smoking Cessation:

Include documents that indicate whether the patient received smoking cessation counseling, if appropriate. Also, indicate if you provide smoking cessation to all patients regardless of their smoking status.

30 Day Follow Up:

Medical or surgical dictation, office notes, or screen shot of encounters. Documentation of any follow up encounter the patient had after discharged **greater than or equal to 30 days.** Do not just include the first follow up after surgery as this is often less than 30 days.

NOTE: Verification of 30-day status is required to be submitted to the audit company. This includes any tracking logs or EHR documentation used to code the 30-day status and readmission within 30 days fields: Mt30Stat (seq 3950) and Readm30Dis (seq 3930). Failure to submit all 30-day status verification information will result in a failed audit. STS will inform the site when the re-audit will occur.

Readmission Data:

Medical or surgical dictation, office notes, or screen shot of encounters. Documentation of any admissions occurring after the patient has been discharged within 30 days

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Misc Data:

Any additional information that you deem important for your audit.