CDI ICD-10-CM Documentation Tips: Gustilo Fracture Classification

• Chapter 19, “Injury, Poisoning, and Certain Other Consequences of External Causes (S00-T99).” Fracture codes have much greater specificity than in ICD-9-CM and require the level of the encounter be identified.

• During the coding process assign the level of encounter using one of the following seventh characters for applicable fracture codes:
  A = Initial encounter for closed fracture
  B = Initial encounter for open fracture
  D = Subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
  G = Subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
  K = Subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
  P = Subsequent encounter for fracture with malunion
  S = Sequela

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• The seventh (7th) character in some fractures will identify the type of open fracture using the Gustilo Fracture Classification.

• Categories S52, S72, and S82 are impacted by the Gustilo Fracture Classification

• During the coding process assign the code to capture the type of open fracture using the appropriate seventh character (categories S52, S72, S82):
  B = Initial encounter for open fracture type I or II
  C = Initial encounter for open fracture type IIIA, IIIB, or IIIC
  E = Subsequent encounter for open fracture type I or II with routine healing
  F = Subsequent encounter for open fracture type IIIA, IIIB, or IIIC with routine healing
  H = Subsequent encounter for open fracture type I or II with delayed healing
  J = Subsequent encounter for open fracture type IIIA, IIIB, or IIIC with delayed healing
  M = Subsequent encounter for open fracture type I or II with nonunion
  N = Subsequent encounter for open fracture type IIIA, IIIB, or IIIC with nonunion
  Q = Subsequent encounter for open fracture type I or II with malunion
  R = Subsequent encounter for open fracture type IIIA, IIIB, or IIIC with malunion