Molina Healthcare Coding Tips
Interstitial Lung Disease

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Coding ILD (Pulmonary Fibrosis) can be confusing! The most common Pulmonary Fibrosis codes:

Post-inflammatory pulmonary fibrosis
- ICD-9 Code 515
- ICD-10 Code J84.10

Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
- ICD-9 Code 516.31
- ICD-10 Code J84.112

Other specified alveolar and parietoalveolar pneumonopathies
- ICD-9 516.8
- ICD-10 J84.09

Work up and diagnosis for ILD
- CXR may suggest ILD, but not diagnostic*
- High resolution CT (HRCT) better diagnostic accuracy**
- PFT’s usually show restrictive defect and reduced diffusing capacity (DLCO)

Documentation Examples:

- 78-year-old Asian male with Pulmonary Fibrosis per CT
  Assessment: Dyspnea improving
  Plan: Continue inhalers and discuss treatment options.
  ICD-9 HCC code 516.31
  ICD-10 HCC Code J84.112

- 81-year-old Asian male patient with Amiodarone Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis.
  Assessment: Improving off medication
  Plan: Continue current management and follow up closely
  ICD-9 HCC code 516.8
  ICD-10 HCC Code J84.09

*CXR is normal in up to 10% of patients with ILD. Up-to-date approach to the adult with interstitial lung disease: Diagnostic testing
**HRCT is for confirmation and not screening of general population

Have Questions?
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