

Molina Healthcare Coding Education

Functional Quadriplegia/Quadriparesis – When Does This Apply?



I've heard of this diagnosis, but when should I use it?

Definition: Complete inability to move due to severe disability or frailty, not due to spinal cord damage or stroke.

Seen in the SNF, hospital, LTACH or – rarely – home care setting.

Patient requires full assistance with all activities of daily living, including feeding, elimination and hygiene.

Examples of causes:

- Advanced dementia, AML, MS
- Advanced musculoskeletal deformity
- Hypoxic injury
- Severe birth defects

Example of Proper Documentation:

A/P:

- 56 year old female with advanced MS

Assessment: Functional quadriplegia, resides in SNF, requiring complete assistance with ADLs

➤ **ICD-9 Codes:**

- **340** Multiple Sclerosis
- **780.72** Functional quadriplegia

➤ **ICD-10 Codes:**

- **G35** Multiple Sclerosis
- **R53.2** Functional Quadriplegia

Plan: Will continue therapy and close monitoring of weight and skin breakdown

Have Questions?

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