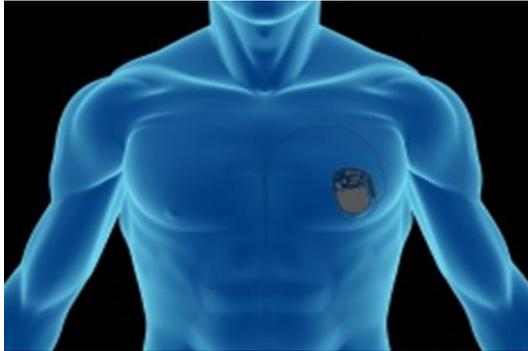


Molina Healthcare Coding Education Paced Rhythm Part 1



My patient has an arrhythmia treated with pacemaker.

***Coding rule now states do not code underlying rhythm unless there is pacemaker malfunction.**

***There is an exception. Please see Paced Rhythm Part 2 – Medication: Exception to the Rule.**

Applies to codes for:

- All AV blocks
- Sick sinus syndrome
- Severe bradycardia
- SA node dysfunction

Only the pacemaker clinic or cardiologist should determine and code pacemaker malfunction

Documentation Example:

A/P:

- 45 year old male with SSS now with normal rhythm controlled by pacemaker.

Assessment: EKG normal with pacer spikes present. Pt denies breakthrough symptoms or palpitations.

➤ ICD-10 Code: Z95.0
Presence of Cardiac Pacemaker

Plan: Continue with pacemaker clinic

- **Do not use codes I49.5 sick sinus syndrome, I44.3 unspecified atrioventricular block, or R00.1 Bradycardia, unspecified, as discussed.**

Have Questions?

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