

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCE CARD

ARTHRITIS

Documentation Considerations

- Document laterality and extremity (right, left, upper, lower)
- Document affected anatomic sites (knee, hip, shoulder, wrist, etc.)
- Identify type (Primary, Secondary, Post-Traumatic, Rheumatoid, Seronegative, Reiter, Psoriatic, Septic, Gout, Pseudogout)
- Note severity (mild, moderate, severe)

Diagnosis Considerations

- Distinguish appropriate code when either single site or multiple sites (mono versus poly)
- For Rheumatoid Arthritis document rheumatoid factor , i.e. with or without RA antibody
- Note any underlying or associated diagnoses or conditions

Additional Considerations

- Clearly state the causal relationship of secondary or post-traumatic arthritis
- Document the efficacy of current treatment regimen
- Document other organ involvement



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