



## Documentation Tips History of Cancer

| Cancer that is no longer actively being treated and the patient is cancer free or has no disease evident. | <ul> <li>Use historical cancer diagnosis ICD10-CM codes (category Z85)</li> <li>Document the intent of adjuvant therapy; curative, palliative or preventive prophylactic</li> </ul>  |
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| Poor Documentation<br>Example   | Reason for visit: follow up of breast cancer. History of lumpectomy and adjuvant therapy. Overall patient is doing quite well.  Assessment: Breast cancer  Warning: Conflicting statement- Does the patient have breast cancer currently or do they have a history since the lumpectomy is historical? What is intent of the adjuvant therapy?   |
| Better<br>Documentation<br>Example  | Reason for visit: follow up of breast cancer. History of lumpectomy in 2003 then Arimidex was started and treatment was completed after 5 years in 2008. Overall patient is doing quite well and will have a mammogram prior to next appointment. Currently the patient is without evidence of disease.  Assessment: Personal History of breast cancer, NED  Documentation shows that the condition is no longer active and only a historical condition. |

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