

Documentation Tip of the Week

Aspiration Pneumonia

Aspiration pneumonia codes to a complex pneumonia and shows that your patient is severely ill.

Consider this diagnosis when the patient has the following risk factors

Dysphagia
Failed swallow study
RLL pneumonia
Advanced age
Nursing home resident
Alcoholism

Please document this diagnosis when you choose selected antibiotics

Flagyl
Clindamycin
Zosyn



Remember - Hospital documentation can include "possible, probable, likely or suspected" diagnoses

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