

Documentation Tip of the Week: UTI v. Urosepsis v. Sepsis

Did you Know?

Urosepsis is synonymous with UTI

Documenting the term “Urosepsis” is ambiguous and nonspecific for coding purposes (*Coding Clinic*, 1988 1st Quarter).

Your patient should appear as sick on paper as they are in the bed. Are signs of SIRS or acute organ dysfunction present?

Consider documenting “probable sepsis” or “severe sepsis due to UTI”.

NO SOI	LOW SOI	HIGH SOI
Cystitis	Urosepsis (Codes to UTI)	Sepsis due to UTI



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

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