

**E&M DOCUMENTATION GUIDELINES**

**I. ALL E&M VISITS MUST HAVE A CHIEF COMPLAINT  
CONSULTATIONS MUST HAVE DOCUMENTATION OF REQUEST**

<b>II. HISTORY ELEMENTS:</b>	Location	Quality	Duration	Context	Modifying Factors
	Associated Signs/Symptoms	Severity		Timing	

**NP/CONSULTS**

99201	99241	4 or more elements
99202	99242	4 or more elements
99203	99243	4 or more elements
99204	99244	4 or more elements
99205	99245	4 or more elements

**OFFICE VISITS-Established**

99211	4 or more elements
99212	4 or more elements
99213	4 or more elements
99214	4 or more elements
99215	4 or more elements

**III. PMH, FH, SH, ROS already on chart**

**IV. PHYSICAL EXAM ELEMENTS:**

VS/Weight/Height	*muscle strength
General appearance	*inspection/palpation
Orientation X 3	*ROM
Mood/affect	*stability
Peripheral vascular exam	*Skin
Lymph nodes	
Gait/Station	<b>**All Elements must be documented for</b>
Coordination	<b>4/6 of neck, spine, LUE, RUE, LLE, RLE</b>
DTR/nerve stimulation	
Sensation	

**NP/CONSULTS**

99201	99241	1-5 Elements
99202	99242	6 or more Elements
99203	99243	At least 12 Elements
99204	99244	All Elements **
99205	99245	All Elements **

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99211	None Required
99212	1-5 Elements
99213	At least 6 Elements
99214	At least 12 Elements
99215	All Elements **

**V. DECISION MAKING**

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|------------------------|---|
| 1. Straight Forward    | a. Minimal # of diagnostic possibilities/management options   |
|                        | b. Minimal amount/complexity of data to review  |
|                        | c. Minimal mortality/morbidity risk (1 minor problem)   |
| 2. Low Complexity      | a. Limited # of diagnostic possibilities/management options   |
|                        | b. Limited amount of complexity of data to review   |
|                        | c. Low mortality/morbidity risk---2 or more minor problems; 1 stable condition or acute uncomplicated problem   |
| 3. Moderate Complexity | a. Extensive # of diagnostic possibilities/management options   |
|                        | b. Moderate amount/complexity of data to review   |
|                        | c. Moderate mortality/morbidity risk--1 or more chronic problems with progression<br>2 or more stable chronic problems undiagnosed problem with certain prognosis acute complicated illness or injury |
| 4. High Complexity     | a. Extensive # of diagnostic possibilities/management options   |
|                        | b. Extensive amount/complexity of data to review  |
|                        | c. High mortality/morbidity—1 or more chronic illnesses with severe progressive acute or chronic problem posing threat to life or bodily function   |

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