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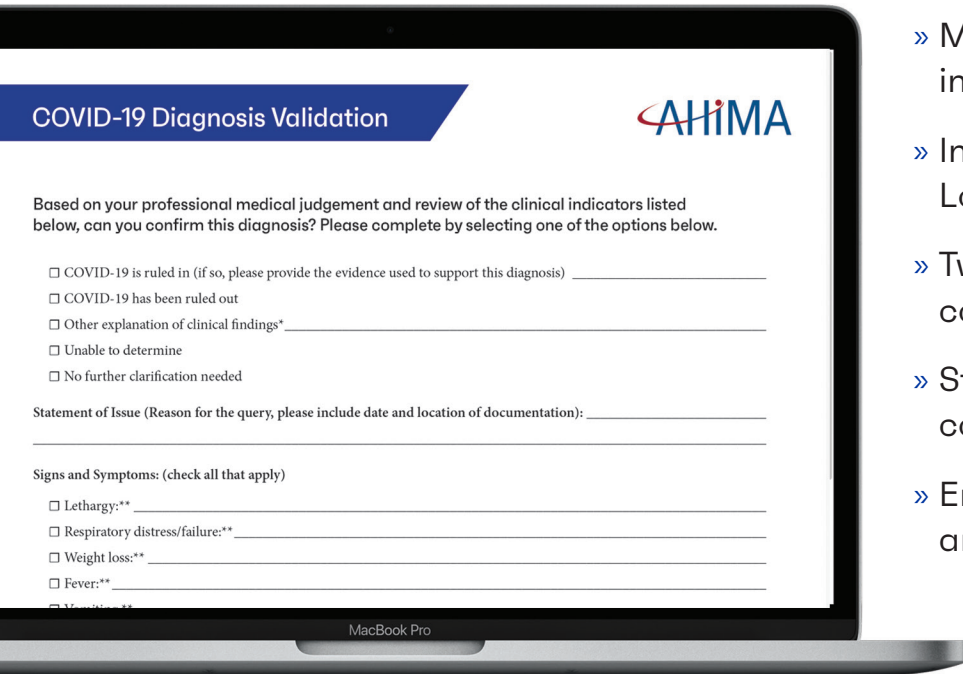
CDI Query Templates

A query is the process by which questions are posed to a provider to obtain additional, clarifying documentation to improve the specificity and completeness of the data used to assign diagnosis and procedure codes in the patient's health record. Having a query process benefits hospitals' compliance with billing, improves accuracy and can accelerate reimbursement.

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COVID-19 Diagnosis Validation

Based on your professional medical judgement and review of the clinical indicators listed below, can you confirm this diagnosis? Please complete by selecting one of the options below.

☐ COVID-19 is ruled in (if so, please provide the evidence used to support this diagnosis) _____

☐ COVID-19 has been ruled out

☐ Other explanation of clinical findings*_____

☐ Unable to determine

☐ No further clarification needed

Statement of Issue (Reason for the query, please include date and location of documentation): _____

Signs and Symptoms: (check all that apply)

☐ Lethargy:** _____

☐ Respiratory distress/failure:** _____

☐ Weight loss:** _____

☐ Fever:** _____

» More than 140 templates following industry best practices

» Inpatient, Outpatient, Pediatric, and Long-term Care settings

» Twice a year template updates ensure continuous compliance

» Step-by-step query process for complete and accurate information

» Ensures appropriate reimbursement and accurate quality scores

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AHIMA QUERY TEMPLATES

0:0   Generic template
0:1   Generic procedure template
0:2   Generic multi-select

Miscellaneous

M:1   Present on admission
M:2   Cause-and-effect relationship
M:3   PSI validation post procedure
M:4   Clinical validation
M:5   Acuity level
M:6   Confirming a diagnosis
M:7   Conflicting Diagnosis Verification
M:8   Abnormal Findings

Chapter 1: Infectious Diseases

1:1   Urosepsis
1:2   Sepsis validation
1:3   SIRS versus sepsis
1:4   Infection secondary to intervention
1:5   HIV/AIDS
1:6   Severe sepsis with one organ dysfunction
1:7   Severe sepsis multiple organ dysfunction
1:8   Multi-drug resistant organisms
1:9   Wound infection underlying cause
1:10   COVID-19 Specificity
1:11   COVID-19 Validation
1:12   Infection with Device Relationship

Chapter 2: Neoplasms

2:1   Tumor specificity
2:2   Status of cancer diagnosis
2:3   Cancer diagnosis clarification

Chapter 3: Diseases of the Blood

3:1   Anemia type
3:2   Underlying cause of fever
3:3   Pancytopenia

Chapter 4: Endocrine Diseases

4:1   Malnutrition severity
4:2   Nutritional deficiencies
4:3   Type of diabetes
4:4   Diabetes Control

Chapter 5: Mental and Behavioral

5:1   Dementia specificity
5:2   Type of schizophrenia
5:3   Alcohol specificity
5:4   Drug specificity
5:5   Depression specificity
5:6   Anxiety/PTSD

Chapter 6: Nervous System

6:1   Altered mental status
6:2   Hypertensive encephalopathy
6:3   Cerebral edema

Chapter 7: Eye and Adnexa

7:1   Dermatosis of the eyelid specificity
7:2   Glaucoma specificity
7:3   Retinal detachments

Chapter 8: Ear and Mastoid Process

8:1   Mastoiditis specificity
8:2   Cholesteatoma specificity
8:3   Otitis media specificity

Chapter 9: Circulatory System

9:1   CHF specificity
9:2   Atrial fibrillation
9:3   Myocardial infarction
9:4   Hypertension

Chapter 10: Respiratory System

10:1   Pneumonia specificity
10:2   Respiratory failure indicators
10:3   COPD specificity
10:4   Asthma specificity

Chapter 11: Digestive System

11:1   Ileus
11:2   Signs and symptoms of peritonitis
11:3   Colitis
11:4   Gastrointestinal bleeding
11:5   Gastroenteritis
11:6   IBD Specificity

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Chapter 12: Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue

12:1   Skin ulcer specificity

12:2   Granuloma specificity

12:3   Lupus erythematosus

12:4   Debridement specificity

Chapter 13: Musculoskeletal System

13:1   Gout specificity

13:2   Fasciitis specificity

13:3   Rheumatoid arthritis specificity

Chapter 14: Genitourinary System

14:1   CKD staging

14:2   Abnormal renal function

14:3   Abnormal urinalysis

Chapter 15: Pregnancy

15:1   Acuity of preeclampsia

15:2   Hypertension in pregnancy

15:3   Type of delivery

15:4   Post-partum hemorrhage

15:5   Laceration perineal

Chapter 16: Perinatal Period

16:1   Neonatal respiratory distress

16:2   Prematurity specificity

16:3   Intracranial hemorrhage of the newborn

Chapter 17: Congenital Malformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities

17:1   Congenital malformation, gallbladder

17:2   Congenital malformation of esophagus

17:3   Monosomy and Autosomy

Chapter 18: Signs and Symptoms

18:1   Supporting diagnosis

18:2   Electrolyte Abnormality

Chapter 19: Injury and Poisoning

19:1   Femur fracture specificity

19:2   Intracranial Injury

19:3   Liver lacerations

19:4   Burns Specificity

19:5   Transplant Complication

Chapter 20: External Causes

20:1   Self-harm versus accident

20:2   Initial subsequent sequela specificity

20:3   Place of occurrence specificity

Chapter 21: Factors Influencing Health

21:1   Weeks of gestation

Chapter 22: Outpatient-Focused Queries

22.1   Screening versus diagnostic tests

22.2   Medication with no associated condition

22.3   Clarification of findings

22.4   Clarification of fracture site

22.5   Underlying cause

22.6   Clarification of a historic diagnosis

22.7   Duration of visit/encounter

22.8   Number of premalignant lesions treated

22.9   Provider-procedure specificity

22.10   Medical necessity

22.11   Treatment plan specificity

22.12   Fractured specificity

22.13   Transitional versus follow-Up care

22.14   Cloning clarification

22.15   Insomnia specificity

22.16   Deep vein thrombosis

22.17   Type of dialysis

22.18   Chemotherapy regimen

22.19   Diagnosis to support BMI

22.20   Wound care

Chapter 23: Pediatric-Focused Queries

23.1   Transplant status

23.2   Community vs. congenital

23.3   Otitis media in pediatrics

23.4   Pleural effusion

23.5   Pediatric SIRS due to

23.6   Pediatric shock

23.7   Learning disability

23.8   Scoliosis type

23.9   General respiratory

23.10   Jaundice specificity

23.11   Birthweight clarification