

## Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

### Aspects of PFSH

Per CPT®, past medical, family and/or social history is divided into three subsections.

1. **Past medical history** includes the patient's experience with illnesses, operations, injuries, and treatments, says **Leah Gross, CPC**, coding lead at Metro Urology in St. Paul, Minn., including:

prior major illnesses and injuries

prior operations

prior hospitalizations

current medications

allergies

age-appropriate immunization status

age-appropriate feeding/dietary status.

Examples: "Patient has spina bifida; patient had a kidney stone episode 12 years ago; patient is allergic to penicillin; patient had a thyroidectomy in 2009."

2. Family history includes a review of health-related events in the patient's family, including:

health status or cause of death of parents, siblings, and children

specific diseases related to problems identified in the chief complaint or history of the present illness, and/or system review

diseases of family members that may be hereditary or place the patient at risk.

Examples: "Both siblings have schizophrenia; mother died at 55 of breast cancer; father has COPD."

3. Social history covers past and current activities related to:

marital status and/or living arrangements

current employment

occupational history

use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco

level of education

sexual history

other relevant social factors.



Examples: "Patient is recently married and is a stay-at-home parent; patient is a smoker; patient attends daycare; patient lives in a group home."