

Psychiatry Coding & Reimbursement Alert

Bone Up on Schizophrenia Types

Since type of schizophrenia plays a vital role in providing an accurate diagnosis using both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes, you'll stand a better chance of nailing the right dx codes with this refresher:

- Paranoid type -- Patient experiences delusions and/or hallucinations (usually auditory);
- Disorganized type -- Patient demonstrates disorganized behavior and speech;
- Catatonic type -- Patient experiences movement difficulties and remains immobile for extended periods of time;
- Undifferentiated type -- Patient demonstrates symptoms of different types of schizophrenia;
- Residual type -- Patient has a past history of schizophrenia but is presently not having any symptoms such as hallucinations, delusions or disorganized behavior and speech;
- Simple Schizophrenia -- The patient is showing prominent and increasingly progressive signs of social withdrawal but has not experienced any psychotic episodes; and
- Schizophreniform disorder.