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READER QUESTIONS: Use 'History Of' Only When Pertinent

Question: How should I code for a patient with a history of MRSA and Clostridium difficile (C-diff)?

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Answer: You should use codes for personal history only when there is a chance for reoccurrence and therefore the patient requires continued monitoring. If that is true, then you could use V12.09 (Personal history of other infectious and parasitic diseases; other).

However, you should avoid using such nonspecific codes whenever possible because they do not add detail to the information on the plan of care.