

MDS Alert

Coding Quizzer: Master Coding Wounds In Section M

How would code this resident's ulcers?

Mr. C has diabetes and poor circulation to his lower extremities. Last month Mr. C spent two weeks in the hospital where he had a left below-the-knee amputation (BKA) for treatment of a gangrenous foot. He was readmitted to the nursing facility three days ago with a Stage II pressure ulcer over his sacrum and a Stage I pressure ulcer over his right heel and both elbows. No other ulcers were present.

Items M1, Ulcers Code (# at stage)

- a. Stage 1 = (highest stage)
- b. Stage 2 =
- c. Stage 3 =
- d. Stage 4 =

Items M2, Type of Ulcer Code

- a. Pressure Ulcer =
- b. Stasis Ulcer =

Answer:

Items M1, Ulcers Code (# at stage)

- a. Stage 1 = 3 (highest stage)
- b. Stage 2 = 1
- c. Stage 3 = 0
- d. Stage 4 = 0

Items M2, Type of Ulcer Code

- a. Pressure Ulcer = 2
- b. Stasis Ulcer = 0

Rationale for coding: Mr. C has four pressure ulcers, the highest stage of which is Stage 2. (Source: RAI manual, p. 3-164)