

E&M CODING

Use either MDM **-OR-** time to select complexity

Level of MDM is based on **2 out of 3** elements of MDM:

1. Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed
2. Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed
3. Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management

Code	Level	Total Minutes New patient	Total Minutes Existing patient
992x2	Minimal	15-29	10-19
992x3	Low	30-44	20-29
992x4	Moderate	45-59	30-39
992x5	High	60-74	40-54

1. Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed

MDM - Number	Self-limited or minor problem(s)	Stable chronic illness	Acute, uncomplicated illness or injury	Undx'd new problem w/ uncertain prognosis	Acute illness w/ systemic symptoms	Acute complicated injury	Chronic illnesses w/ exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment;	Acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function
Minimal	1							
Low	2	1	1					
Moderate		2+		1	1	1	1+	
High							w/ severe exacerbation	1+
Any column in the row qualifies that row								

2. Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed

*Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category 1 below.

MDM - Data	Category 1: Tests and Documents			Assessment requiring an independent historian		Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests	Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation
		Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source	Review of the result(s) of each unique test	Ordering of each unique test		Independent interpretation of a test performed by another HCP	Discussion of management or test interpretation with external HCP/appropriate source
Low	Either tests or historian	Any combination of 2 unique tests/orders/documents			Historian		
Moderate	Cat 1 or 2 or 3	Any combination of 3 unique tests/orders/documents				Interpretation	Discussion
High	2+ Categories	Any combination of 3 unique tests/orders/documents				Interpretation	Discussion

3. Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management

MDM - Risk	
Minimal	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
Low	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
Moderate	Examples: prescription drug management, decision regarding minor surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors, decision regarding major surgery without risk factors, diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health
High	Examples: drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity, decision regarding elective major surgery with identified risk factors, decision regarding emergency major surgery, decision regarding hospitalization, decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis