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| **Chief Complaint:** | | **PROBLEM-FOCUSED** | **EXP PROB FOCUSED** | **DETAILED** | COMPRE-HENSIVE |
| **H I S T O R Y**  *1-3 elements*  *≥ 4 elements or status of ≥ 3*  *chronic or inactive conditions* | *Circle appropriate entry furthest to right, under level of service* | | | | |
| HPI (history of present illness) elements:  Location  Severity  Timing  Modifying factors  Quality  Duration  Context  Associated signs and symptoms | Brief | Brief | Extended | Extended |
| ROS (review of systems):  Constitutional  Eyes  GI  Integumentary  Endo (wt loss, etc)  Card/vasc  GU  (skin, breast)  Hem/lymph  Ears, nose  Resp  Musculo  Neuro  All/imm **mouth, throat**  **Psych**  **“All others negative”** | None | Pertinent to problem  *1 system* | Extended  *2-9 systems* | Complete  *≥ 10 systems* |
| PFSH (past medical, family, social history) areas:  **Past history (patient’s past experiences with illness, operations, injuries and treatments)**  **Family history (a review of medical events in the patient’s family)**  **Social history (an age-appropriate review of past and current activities)** | None | None | Pertinent  *Est=1 area,*  *New=2 areas* | Complete  *Est=2 areas,*  *New=3 areas* |
| **EXAM:**  **(1995 Guidelines)** | Above: Overall History level is determined by the column marked furthest to the left | | | | |
| Body Areas:  Head, including the face  Abdomen  Each extremity  Neck  Genitalia, groin, buttocks  Chest, including breasts & axillae  Back, including spine | 1 area or system-  limited exam | 2-7 areas or systems-  limited exam | 2-7 areas or systems-  detailed or  extended  exam | 8 or more areas or systems exam  or complete exam of a single organ system |
| Organ Systems:  Constitutional(e.g., vital signs, general appearance)  Eyes  Ears, nose, mouth, throat  Cardiovascular  Respiratory  Gastrointestinal  Genitourinary  Musculoskeletal  Skin  Neurologic  Psychiatric  Hematologic/Lymphatic/Immunologic |

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| **C O M P L E X I T Y** | A | Number of Diagnoses or Treatment Options | | | | | | | | |
| Problems to Exam Physician | | | | | Number X Points = Result | | | | |
| Self-limited or minor (stable, improved or worsening) | | | | |  | | 1 | | Max = 2 |
| Est. problem (to examiner); stable, improved | | | | |  | | 1 | |  |
| Est. problem (to examiner); worsening | | | | |  | | 2 | |  |
| New problem (to examiner); no additional workup planned | | | | |  | | 3 | | Max = 3 |
| New prob. (to examiner); add. workup planned | | | | |  | | 4 | |  |
| *Bring total to* ***line A*** *in Final Result for Complex.* | | | | | TOTAL | | | |  |
| C | Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed | | | | | | | | |
| Data to be Reviewed | | | | | | | | | **Points** |
| Review and/or order of clinical lab tests | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Review and/or order of tests in the radiology section of CPT | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Review and/or order of tests in the medicine section of CPT | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Discussion of test results with performing physician | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Decision to obtain old records and/or obtain history from someone other than patient | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Review and summarization of old records and/or obtaining history from someone other than patient and/or discussion of case with another health care provider | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Independent visualization of image, tracing, or specimen itself (not simply review of report) | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| *Bring total to line C in Final Result for Complexity* TOTAL | | | | | | | | |  |
| Final Result for Complexity (2components at or above) | | | | | | | | |  |
| A | | Number diagnoses or treatment options | ≤ 1Minimal | 2Limited | | 3Multiple | | ≥ 4 Extensive | |
| B | | Highest risk | Minimal | Low | | Moderate | | High | |
| C | | Amount and/or complexity of data | ≤ 1Minimal or low | 2Limited | | 3Moderate | | ≥ 4 Extensive | |
| Type of decision making | | | STRAIGHT-FORWARD | LOW COMPLEX | | MODERATE COMPLEX | | HIGH COMPLEX | |

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| **B** | Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality | | |
| **Level of Risk** | Presenting Problem(s) | Diagnostic Procedure(s) Ordered | Management Options Selected |
| **M**  **I**  **N**  **I**  **M**  **A**  **L** | One self-limited or minor problem, e.g., cold, insect bite, tinea corporis | Laboratory tests requiring venipuncture  * Chest x-rays * EKG/EEG * Urinalysis * Ultrasound, e.g., echo * KOH prep | Rest  * Gargles * Elastic bandages * Superficial dressings |
| **L**  **O**  **W** | Two or more self-limited or minor problems  * One stable chronic illness, e.g., well controlled hypertension, non-insulin dependent diabetes, cataract, BPH * Acute uncomplicated illness or injury, e.g., cystitis, allergic rhinitis, simple sprain | Physiologic tests not under stress, e.g.pulm. function tests  * Non-cardiovascular imaging studies with contras, e.g., barium enema * Superficial needle biopsies * Clinical laboratory tesxsts requiring arterial puncture * Skin biopsies | Over-the-counter drugs  * Minor surgery with no identified risk factors * Physical therapy * Occupational therapy * IV fluids without additives |
| **M**  **O**  **D**  **E**  **R**  **A**  **T**  **E** | One or more chronic illnesses with mild exacerbation, progress, or side effects of treatment  * Two or more stable chronic illnesses * Undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis, e.g., lump in breast * Acute illness with systemic symptoms, e.g., pyelonephritis, pneumonitis, colitis * Acute complicated injury, e.g.,head injury with brief loss of consciousness | Physiologic tests under stress, e.g., cardiac stress test, fetal contraction stress test  * Diagnostic endoscopies with no identified risk factors * Deep needle or incisional biopsy | Minor surgery with identified risk factors  * Elective major surgery (open, percutaneous or endoscopic) with no identified risk factors * Prescription drug management * IV fluids with additives * Closed treatment of fracture or dislocation without manipulation |
| **H**  **I**  **G**  **H** | One or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of tx  * Acute or chronic illnesses or injuries that may pose a threat to life or bodily function, e.g., multiple trauma, acute MI, pulmonary embolus, severe respiratory distress, progressive severe rheumatoid arthritis, psychiatric illness with potential threat to self or others, peritonitis, acute renal failure, sent to ER, eminent delivery | * Cardiovascular imaging studies with contrast with identified risk factors * Diagnostic endoscopies with identified risk factors * Discography | Elective major surgery (open, percutaneous or endoscopic) identified risk factors  * Emergency major surgery * Parenteral controlled substances * Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity |

Bring result to Line B in Final Result-level is the highest component marked

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| **T I M E**  Time: Face-to-face in outpatient setting  Unit/floor in inpatient setting | If the physician documents total time *and* suggests that counseling or coordinating care dominates (more than 50%) the encounter, time may determine level of service. Documentation may refer to: prognosis, differential diagnosis, risks, benefits of treatment, instructions, compliance, risk reduction or discussion with another health care provider. | | |  |
| Does documentation reveal total time | Yes | No | If all answers are “yes”, may select level based on time. |
| Does documentation describe the content of counseling or coordinating care | Yes | No |
| Does documentation reveal that more than half of time was counseling or coordinating care | Yes | No |

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| **Outpatient**  Minimal problem that may  not require presence  of physician  **& Consults** |  | New / Consults | | | | | Established | | | | |
|  | Requires 3 components in one column | | | | | Requires 2 components in one column | | | | |
| History | PF | EPF | D | C | C |  | PF | EPF | D | C |
| **Examination** | PF | EPF | D | C | C |  | PF | EPF | D | C |
| **Complexity of medical decision** | SF | SF | L | M | H |  | SF | L | M | H |
| Average Time (minutes)  (Confirmatory consults have no average time) | 10 New (99201)  15 Outpt cons (99241)  Conf cons (99271) | 20 New (99202)  30 Outpt Cons (99242)  Conf cons (99272) | 30 New (99203)  40 Outpt cons (99243)  Conf cons (99273) | 45 New (99204)  60 Outpt Cons (99244)  Conf cons (99274) | 60 New (99205)  80 Outpt cons (99245)  Conf cons (99275) | 5  (99211) | 10  (99212) | 15  (99213) | 25  (99214) | 40  (99215) |
| Level | I | **II** | **III** | **IV** | **V** | **I** | **II** | **III** | **IV** | **V** |