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Documentation for a Blood Draw

Are you ready for this? A client of mine just got audited on "venipuncture" procedures. That's right, they are wanting to take back money because they were not documenting a procedure note for a venipuncture.

Hopefully this article will help you understand how crazy the world has gotten and offer you some advice on templates you might design to capture this procedure correctly.

Blood draws are a common practice in most physician offices. Often the documentation of blood draws is found to be insufficient and often does not

include some very basic elements such as:

1. Date
2. Gauge of needle
3. Capillary or Venipuncture collection
4. Collection site
5. Tourniquet time
6. Attempts
7. Tube or syringe draw

Might make an EMR Template like this:

Date: 2/20/18
Capillary: No
Venipuncture: 21 gauge syringe
Collection Site: Cephalic Vein, Right Arm
Tourniquet Time: 2 minutes
Attempts: 1
Draw: purple and red tube

Remember the following CPT codes:

36415 - Collection of venous blood by venipuncture

36416 - Collection of capillary blood specimen (eg, finger, heel, ear stick)

Good luck,

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