Quick Search and Diagnosis Assistant Tips

The tips that follow may help you find specific diagnoses faster and use the Diagnosis Assistant (DA) tool more efficiently.

Descriptors: If you search only by diagnosis, such as CHF, you may get back an unspecified result.

TIP #1: Enter short, specific descriptors such as ac, chr, hyp, postop, lt, rt and due to increase the probability of finding the diagnosis in the Quick Search results.

TIP #2: Inserting a comma after the diagnosis is very effective when searching for diagnoses that can be specified as acute and/or chronic, site specific or multiple types.
TIP #3: Adding a descriptor to an abbreviation for location or type of encounter such as ant, inf or post increases the probability of more specific results.

Fractures: Laterality and anatomical location may not always return the most specific diagnosis, e.g. rt ulna fx returns an unspecified result.

TIP #4: Include descriptors for type of fracture such as open, closed, displaced or non-displaced.

Entry of alpha-numeric codes into Quick Search
The alpha-numeric code can be entered into Quick Search for diagnoses that are frequently used or are difficult to find, e.g. I48.0 Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation, I25.810 Coronary atherosclerosis of bypass graft.

TIP #5: Make sure the code entered is supported by your documentation and is appropriate for the encounter.
Using Diagnosis Assistant for Initial, Subsequent and Sequela:

Diagnosis Assistant (DA) defaults an unspecified diagnosis as Initial. Subsequent and Sequela encounters can be found with DA by clicking on initial, under Episode, which enables the subsequent or sequela options to be clicked.

**TIP #6:** Search for the diagnosis and use DA to find subsequent or sequela encounters. Click initial under the Episode column to enable the options for subsequent or sequela.
Getting to the correct specificity using Diagnosis Assistant

TIP #7: Sometimes it’s easier to add an unspecified code and use Diagnosis Assistant to increase specificity.

Consolidated Problem List:

- Ataxia S/P CVA (R27.0)
- Left pontine CVA (163.50)
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The message **No Choices Available** may appear when the Unspecified icon is clicked to access Diagnosis Assistant.

TIP #8: Review the diagnosis selected. For example, Altered Mental Status will cause the message **No Choices Available** to appear. In most cases, a more specific diagnosis should be searched and selected, such as Toxic Metabolic Encephalopathy.