



# Clinical Documentation Integrity Weekly Bulletin

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## Talk Ten (ICD 10) Tuesday Tips...**Got a Minute:**

Specificity: *noun* spec·i·fic·i·ty \,spe-sə-'fī-sə-tē\  
the quality or condition of being free from ambiguity

Tis the season...for trips, slips and falls...and Fractures:

### Criteria for **‘Pathologic/Fragility Fracture’:**

- **≥ 50** years old
- **Ground Level Fall** (i.e. from sitting or standing position)
- Creating a fracture when a **fracture wouldn’t be expected** in a normal, healthy bone.
  - When the **fracture is out of proportion to the degree of the trauma** (weakening of bone structure by pathologic processes)
- History of **Osteoporosis, Neoplasm** etc

#### Note:

- **‘DEXA scan’** is the usual diagnostic tool for osteoporosis....it does not need to be repeated if prior diagnosis of osteoporosis has been made.....
- **Osteoporosis has already become severe if it can be identified on plain x-ray studies; radiologists will often use the word ‘osteopenia’.**
  - **Even mild osteopenia on plain x-ray represents severe underlying osteoporosis.**

ICD-10 Code	Description (Pathologic fx have higher severity impact than comparable traumatic fractures)	APR-DRG SOI (Severity of Illness)	APR-DRG ROM (Risk of Mortality)
M80052A	Age-related osteoporosis with current pathologic fracture	2	1
M84559A	Pathologic fracture in neoplastic disease	2	1
S42292A	Other displaced fracture of upper end of ...	1	1

### Please consider the following sample statements (when applicable):

- Pathologic/Fragility Hip Fracture, **due to Osteoporosis, slipped on ice**
- Pathologic/Fragility Fracture, **due to Neoplastic disease**