Deep Vein Thrombosis

Although a DVT may be described in great detail in an ultrasound report, ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes cannot be assigned based on this report in the inpatient setting.

For ICD-10, physician documentation must include the location of the thrombosis at least to the level of upper or lower extremity.

Ideally, the DVT would be documented with the following elements:

1. Acute and/or chronic?
2. Specific vessel(s) with thrombosis? (i.e. iliac, axillary, femoral, etc…)
3. Laterality? (i.e. right, left or bilateral)
4. With or without thrombophlebitis?