Dementia

Documentation of dementia in ICD-10 involves two main concepts.

Types:

- Vascular
- Due to other disease (i.e. Alzheimer’s, alcoholic, Parkinson’s, HIV, SLE and others)
- Unspecified (i.e. senile or presenile)

Manifestations:

- with or without behavioral disturbance
- with or without delirium

*Alzheimer’s dementia can be reported with early, late or unspecified onset.

Please document baseline dementia as well as co-existing changes in mental status due to other conditions such as drug induced delirium, metabolic encephalopathy or acute confusional state when present.