

Number of Diagnoses or Treatment Options			
Types of Problems	Number X points = subtotal		
Self limited, minor	(max = 2)	1	
Est. problem, stable or improved		1	
Est. problem, medical adjustment needed		2	
New problem*, no work-up planned		3	
New problem*, further work-up planned		4	
		Total	

# Amount and Complexity of Data Reviewed

Categories of Data Reviewed	Points
Order and/or review clinical lab tests (CPT 8xxxx series)	1
Order and/or review tests from radiology section (nuclear med., Xray—not echo/cath) (CPT 7xxxx series)	1
Order and/or review tests from medicine section (EKG,EMG,echo,dopplers,cath,PFT,audiometry,etc.) (CPT 9xxxx series)	1
Decision to obtain old records or decide to obtain history from other caregivers/family, or discuss tests with performing physician	1
Review and summarize old records by updating chart or taking history from someone other than patient (nurse at NH, interpreter, children)	2
Independent visualization of image, tracing, or specimen	2
<b>Total</b>	

# RISK FACTORS—SELECT HIGHEST IN CATEGORY

LEVEL OF RISK	PRESENTING PROBLEM	PROCEDURES ORDERED	MANAGEMENT OPTIONS CHOSEN
Minimal	One self-limited or minor prob.	Labs, X-rays, EKG, EEG	Rest, superficial dressings
Low	Many self-limited or minor 1 chronic stable illness Acute, uncomplicated illness/injury	Physiologic test w/o stress Imaging studies w/ contrast Superficial needle biopsy Skin biopsy Arterial blood draw	OTC meds Minor surgery w/o risk factors Physical/Occupation Therapy IVF w/o additive
Moderate	One or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or treatment of side effects 2 or more chronic stable illnesses New prob w/ uncertain prognosis Acute illness with systemic symptoms Acute complicated injury	Stress test Endoscopies w/o risk factors CV imaging w/o risk factors Deep needle biopsy Centesis of body cavity	Minor surgery w/ risk factors Elective major surgery w/o risk factors Prescription drug management IVF w/ additives Closed Rx of skeletal injury
High	1 or more chronic illness with SEVERE exacerbation, progression, or treatment side effects Acute/chronic illness that may pose threat to life or bodily f(x) Sudden neurologic change Significant new problem, esp w review of tests	CV imaging studies with risk factors Cardiac EPS tests Endoscopy with risk factors Discography	Elective major surgery with risk factors Emergency major surgery IV controlled drug Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring DNR status

TABULATION OF DECISION-MAKING ELEMENTS					
A	Diagnoses/Management Options	Minimal (0-1)	Low (2)	Moderate (3)	High (4)
B	Amount/Complexity of Data	Min./Low (0-1)	Low (2)	Moderate (3)	High (4)
C	Highest Risk (from any category in table)	Minimal	Low	Moderate	High
<b>Medical Decision Making</b> (Choose the column with at least 2 elements. Otherwise, pick the middle column of the three columns with 1 element)		Straight-forward	Low	Moderate 99214/99204	High 99215/99205

Patient type: **Consult**, **Hospital (IP)**, **Hosp. (OBS)**  
(need 3/3)

<b>History</b>	Problem focused (HPI 1-3)	Expanded problem focused (HPI 1-3, ROS 1)	Detailed (4 + 2 + 1)	Comprehensive (4 + 10 + 3)	Comprehensive (4 + 10 + 3)
<b>Exam</b>	Problem focused (1 bullet)	Expanded problem focused (6 bullets)	Detailed (12 bullets, or 2 well doc. systems)	Comprehensive (18 bullets or 8 well doc. systems)	Comprehensive (18 bullets or 8 well doc. systems)
<b>MDM</b>	Straight-forward	Straight-forward	Low complexity	Moderate complexity	High complexity
<b>CPT Code</b> (Time in minutes)	<b>99241 (15),</b> <b>99251 (20),</b>	<b>99242 (30),</b> <b>99252 (40),</b>	<b>99243 (40),</b> <b>99253 (55),</b> 99221 (30) 99218 (30) 99234 (40)	<b>99244 (60),</b> <b>99254 (80),</b> 99222 (50) 99219 (50) 99235 (50)	<b>99245 (80),</b> <b>99255 (110),</b> 99223 (70) 99220 (70) 99236 (70)

## Hospital Inpatient Subsequent Visit (Two of three Key Components needed)

<b>History</b>	Problem focused (HPI 1-3)	Expanded problem focused (HPI 1-3, ROS 1)	Detailed interval history (4 + 2)
<b>Exam</b>	Problem focused (1 bullet)	Expanded problem focused (6 bullets, or 1 well doc. Organ system with 1 other)	Detailed (12 bullets, or 2 well documented organ systems)
<b>MDM</b>	Straight-forward or Low complexity	Moderate complexity	High complexity
<b>Code</b> (Time in minutes)	99231 <sup>(15)</sup> (stable and responding)	99232 <sup>(25)</sup> (complication of known condition, treatment adjustment due to inadequate response)	99233 <sup>(35)</sup> (A significant new problem managed, review diagnostics, unstable)