

2021 Evaluation & Management Documentation Guidelines Score Sheet

Circle the items in each row that apply to the encounter. To qualify for a particular level of medical decision making, you must meet or exceed at least two of the three elements for that level of MDM (concept unchanged from current guidelines).

	3 Elements of MDM (only 2 of 3 elements below must be met)	99211	Minimal 99202 99212	Low 99203 99213	Moderate 99204 99214	High 99205 99215
Element 1 Problems	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed at the Encounter (only 1 bulleted item required)	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 self-limited or minor problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; 1 stable chronic illness; 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; 2 or more stable chronic illnesses; 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis; 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms; 1 acute complicated injury 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function
Element 2 Data	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed *Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category 1.	NA	Minimal or none	Limited (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories) Category 1: Tests and documents - Any combination of 2 from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source* review of the result(s) of each unique test* ordering of each unique test* or Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s)	Moderate (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories) Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) - Any combination of 3 from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source* Review of the result(s) of each unique test* Ordering of each unique test* Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) or Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other QHP (not separately reported) or Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other QHP/appropriate source (not separately reported) 	Extensive (Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories) Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) - Any combination of 3 from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source* Review of the result(s) of each unique test* Ordering of each unique test* Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) or Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other QHP (not separately reported) or Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other QHP/appropriate source (not separately reported)
Element 3 RISK	Presenting Problem(s) (only 1 bulleted item required)	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One self-limited or minor problem (for example, cold, insect bite, tinea corporis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two or more self-limited or minor problems One stable chronic illness (for example, well controlled hypertension, noninsulin dependent diabetes, cataract, BPH) Acute uncomplicated illness or injury (for example, cystitis, allergic rhinitis, simple sprain) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or more chronic illnesses with mild exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment Two or more stable chronic illnesses Undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis (for example, lump in breast) Acute illness with systemic symptoms (for example, pyelonephritis, pneumonitis, colitis) Acute complicated injury (for example, head injury with brief loss of consciousness) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment Acute or chronic illnesses or injuries that pose a threat to life or bodily function (for example, multiple trauma, acute MI, pulmonary embolus, severe respiratory distress, progressive severe rheumatoid arthritis, psychiatric illness with potential threat to self or others, peritonitis, acute renal failure) An abrupt change in neurologic status (for example, seizure, TIA, weakness, sensory loss)
	Diagnostic Procedure(s) Ordered	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laboratory tests requiring venipuncture Chest x-rays EKG/EEG Urinalysis Ultrasound (for example, echocardiography) KOH prep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiologic tests not under stress (for example, pulmonary function tests) Non-cardiovascular imaging studies with contrast (for example, barium enema) Superficial needle biopsies Clinical laboratory tests requiring arterial puncture Skin biopsies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiologic tests under stress (for example, cardiac stress test, fetal contraction stress test) Diagnostic endoscopies with no identified risk factors Deep needle or incisional biopsy Cardiovascular imaging studies with contrast and no identified risk factors (for example, arteriogram, cardiac catheterization) Obtain fluid from body cavity (for example, lumbar puncture, thoracentesis, culdocentesis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardiovascular imaging studies with contrast with identified risk factors Cardiac electrophysiological tests Diagnostic endoscopies with identified risk factors Discography
	Management Options Selected	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rest Gargles Elastic bandages Superficial dressings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over-the-counter drugs Minor surgery with no identified risk factors Physical therapy Occupational therapy IV fluids without additives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor surgery with identified risk factors Elective major surgery (open, percutaneous or endoscopic) with no identified risk factors Prescription drug management Therapeutic nuclear medicine IV fluids with additives Closed treatment of fracture or dislocation without manipulation Diagnosis/treatment limited by SDOH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective major surgery (open, percutaneous or endoscopic) with identified risk factors Emergency major surgery (open, percutaneous or endoscopic) Parenteral controlled substances Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis