

Cause and effect – Two diagnoses

Based on the documentation in the medical record, this patient has been diagnosed with the following two conditions:

- _____, and
- _____

Based on your medical judgment, please clarify whether or not these two conditions are related to each other.

Your response can include **none or not applicable.**

In responding to this request, please exercise your independent professional judgment. The fact that a question is asked does not imply that any particular diagnosis is desired or expected.

Thank you.

CLARIFICATION OF CONFLICTING DIAGNOSIS

Your assistance is needed to clarify apparent conflicting diagnoses in the medical record.

For compliant coding and billing, we are required to obtain clarification of conflicting information directly from the attending physician.

The diagnosis of _____ was documented on

Date: _____

by Provider: _____

The diagnosis of _____ was documented on

Date: _____

by Provider: _____

The following information is also documented in the medical record:

[include all information supporting and not supporting both conditions]

Based on your medical judgment, can you further clarify in the progress notes, which (in your professional opinion) of these two conditions is the most correct? **Your response can include none or not applicable.**

In responding to this request, please exercise your independent professional judgment. The fact that a question is asked does not imply that any particular diagnosis is desired or expected.

Thank you!

Clinical findings without a diagnosis

Documentation in the record includes the following:

Based on your medical judgment, can you please provide in the progress notes a diagnosis, if any, associated with the above findings?

Please note that your response may include **none or not applicable.**

In responding to this request, please exercise your independent professional judgment. The fact that a question is asked does not imply that any particular diagnosis is desired or expected.

Thank you!

Clinical Validation Query

Your assistance with confirmation of a documented diagnosis is requested.

Diagnosis: _____

Documentation in the medical record also includes: [add information indicating support and lack of support]:

Based on your medical judgment, can you please clarify in the medical record whether:

- This diagnosis is **not confirmed and/or it has been ruled out.**

- This diagnosis is confirmed (if confirmed, please add additional supporting information to the medical record)**

Thank you!

EXAMPLE ONLY !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Clinical Validation Query Example for Sepsis

Your assistance with confirmation/validation of a documented diagnosis is requested.

Diagnosis: Sepsis

Documentation in the medical record also includes:

- WBC 15.2*
- Temp = 99.8*
- RR = 18*
- Pulse = 75-89*

Based on your medical judgment, can you please clarify in the medical record whether:

- This diagnosis is not confirmed and/or it has been ruled out.*
- This diagnosis is confirmed (if confirmed, please add additional supporting information to the medical record)*

Signed by: _____

Confirmation of a diagnosis from an interpreted report

We are not permitted to code a condition documented only in an interpreted medical report without provider confirmation of that condition.

For compliant coding and billing, your assistance is needed with confirmation of a condition(s) identified in the following report (s): [include report with date & findings]:

The following information is also documented in the medical record:
[include all information supporting and not supporting the condition(s)]

Based on your medical judgment, can you please indicate in the progress notes whether or not you agree with this diagnosis(es).

Your response can include **none or not applicable**.

In responding to this request, please exercise your independent professional judgment. The fact that a question is asked does not imply that any particular diagnosis is desired or expected.

Thank you!

Probable/suspected cause of symptom

Based on the documentation in the medical record, this patient is being treated for or diagnosed with the symptom(s) of

Other documentation in the medical record indicates the following:

Based on your medical judgment, can you further clarify in the progress notes the likely, probable or suspected diagnosis which is the underlying cause of these findings in the progress notes.

Your response can include **none or not applicable.**

In responding to this request, please exercise your independent professional judgment. The fact that a question is asked does not imply that any particular diagnosis is desired or expected.

Thank you!

General Query Template

Documentation in the medical record indicates this patient has been admitted with or diagnosed as having _____.

The following is also documented in the medical record:

Based on your medical judgment, can you please clarify/provide in the progress notes _____ such as:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- Other (please specify)
- None of the above / Not applicable
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In responding to this request, please exercise your independent professional judgment. The fact that a question is asked does not imply that any particular diagnosis is desired or expected.

Thank you!