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Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview Examination 90801

- Psychiatric procedure code
 - Under medicine
- Other options
 - Consult codes 99251-99255
 - Definition of “consult”
 - Reimbursement by Medicare
 - Inpatient treatment codes 99221-99223
 - HPI elements required
 - Pertinent ROS
 - Exam elements required

Procedure and E/M codes in Psychiatry

- No psychiatric diagnosis
 - No payment
 - Pre-transplantation evaluations
 - Medical decision-making capacity evaluations
 - Well patient exam
- Can't bill for symptoms
 - Insomnia
 - Loss of appetite
 - Suicidal ideation

ICD-9 versus DSM-IV

- Diagnostic and Statistical Manual
 - Psychiatric diagnoses used in United States
 - Similar, but not identical to ICD-9 codes
- International Statistical Classification of Diseases
 - Mental disorders 290-319
 - Hysteria 300.19
 - Excessive crying 780.95
 - Other specified transient mental disorders due to conditions classified elsewhere, other 293.89

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- History
- “Complete” mental status exam
- Disposition

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- Chief complaint
- Referral source
- History of present illness
- Psychiatric history
- Family history
- Medical history
- Social history
- Mental status examination
- Impression/formulation
- Multi-axial diagnoses
- Plan/recommendations

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- Chief complaint = Reason for consult
- Referral source: What if a consulting team consults us?

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- History of present illness
 - Location ?
 - Quality ?
 - Severity = "severe"
 - Duration
 - Timing ?
 - Context +/-
 - Modifying factors ?
 - **Associated signs and symptoms**

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- Psychiatric history
 - Diagnoses
 - Substance abuse
 - Medications
 - Therapy
 - Hospitalizations
 - Suicide attempts

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- Family history
 - Typically family psychiatric history
 - Diagnoses
 - Substance abuse
 - Medications
 - Therapy
 - Hospitalizations
 - Suicide attempts/completed suicides
- Medical history
 - Including hospital course

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- Social history
 - Childhood
 - Education
 - Support system
 - Legal history
 - Belief system
 - Marital status
 - History of abuse
 - Work history
 - Hobbies

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- Comprehensive mental status examination
 - 3 Vitals
 - General appearance
 - Speech
 - Mood **and** affect
 - Thought process
 - Associations
 - Thought content
 - Insight **and** judgment
 - Orientation
 - Attention **and** concentration
 - Recent **and** remote memory
 - Language
 - Fund of knowledge
 - Muscle strength **and** tone
 - Gait **and** station

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- Impression/formulation
 - No psychobabble please
- Multi-axial diagnoses
 - Axis I- most psychiatric diagnoses
 - Axis II- personality disorders and mental retardation
 - Axis III- medical diagnoses
 - Axis IV- psychosocial stressors
 - Axis V- global assessment of functioning

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- Plan/recommendations
 - Including patient's ability/willingness to participate in care
 - +/- physician orders
 - Varies by service
 - Patient education

Consult Codes? No

- 99251- 99255
 - Recommendations only
 - Not active part of treatment team
 - No longer reimbursed by Medicare

Inpatient Treatment Codes? Not Psychiatry Friendly

- 99222
 - Comprehensive history
 - ≥ 4 elements
 - ≥ 10 systems reviewed
 - Medical, social, and family histories
 - Comprehensive exam
 - 15 elements
 - Moderate Medical Decision-Making

Medicare Reimbursement

- 90801 (takes 1-1.5 hours for initial eval)
 - Fee for an MD is \$345.00
 - Medicare pays **\$124.10**
- 99253 (middle of the road consult)
 - Fee for an MD is \$292.00
 - Medicare pays \$0.00
- 99222 (middle of the road inpatient treatment)
 - Fee for an MD is \$338.00
 - Medicare pays \$132.77

Annoying Documentation

- Cut and paste
- Bogus ROS
- "A&Ox4"
- Social history
"negative x 3"
- "Pt attempted to overdose"
- "Pt has bipolar schizophrenia"
- "Pt is MHMR"
- "Pt is pain seeking"
- SAD
- BPD