

## Elements of Medical Decision Making

(to qualify for MDM, two of three elements must be met or exceeded)

Check one		Number and complexity of diagnoses addressed
O	<b>Straight-forward</b>	1 self-limited or minor problem
O	<b>Low</b>	2 or more self-limited or minor problems
		1 stable, chronic illness
		1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury
		1 stable, acute illness
		1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation
O	<b>Moderate</b>	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
O	<b>High</b>	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

Check one		Amount and/or complexity of data to be reviewed or analyzed
O	<b>Straight-forward</b>	Minimal or none
O	<b>Low</b>	<b>1 of 2 categories:</b>
		<b>Category 1:</b> Tests and documents Any combination of 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of prior external note</li> <li>• Review of result of each unique test</li> <li>• Ordering of each unique test –OR–</li> </ul> <b>Category 2:</b> Assessment requiring independent historian
O	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Must meet at least 1 of 3 categories:</b>
		<b>Category 1:</b> Tests, documents, or independent historian Any combination of 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of prior external note</li> <li>• Review of result of each unique test</li> <li>• Ordering of each unique test</li> <li>• Assessment requiring independent historian –OR–</li> </ul> <b>Category 2:</b> Independent interpretation of tests –OR– <b>Category 3:</b> Discussion of management or test interpretation
O	<b>High</b>	<b>Must meet at least 2 of 3 categories:</b>
		<b>Category 1:</b> Tests, documents, or independent historian Any combination of 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of prior external note</li> <li>• Review of result of each unique test</li> <li>• Ordering of each unique test</li> <li>• Assessment requiring independent historian –OR–</li> </ul> <b>Category 2:</b> Independent interpretation of tests –OR– <b>Category 3:</b> Discussion of management or test interpretation

Check one		Risk of complications or morbidity from testing or treatment
O	<b>Straight-forward</b>	Minimal risk
O	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low risk</b>
		<b>Moderate risk</b>
O	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Examples:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescription drug management</li> <li>• Decision regarding minor surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors</li> <li>• Decision regarding elective major surgery without identified patient or procedure risk</li> <li>• Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health</li> </ul>
		<b>High risk</b>
O	<b>High</b>	<b>Examples:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity</li> <li>• Decision regarding elective major surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors</li> <li>• Decision regarding emergency major surgery</li> <li>• Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital-level care</li> <li>• Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care b/c poor prognosis</li> <li>• Parenteral controlled substances</li> </ul>