



LEVEL 4 REFERENCE CARD

99214 MAJOR CRITERIA (need to meet 2 of 3)

1. DETAILED HISTORY (need to document all 3 of the following)

HPI: at least 4 elements for acute problems, or updates on at least 3 chronic/inactive problems

ROS: 2 to 9 systems or body areas

PFSH: 1 element

2. DETAILED PHYSICAL EXAM: 12 bulleted elements from at least 2 systems or body areas (See "General Multisystem Examination," over.)

3. MEDICAL DECISION MAKING OF MODERATE COMPLEXITY (need to meet 2 of 3)

A. Diagnosis and management (3 points needed)	
Problems	Points
Self-limited or minor (such as cold, insect bite, tinea) (max. of 2)	1
Established problem, stable/improved (no max.)	1
Established problem, uncontrolled/worse (no max.)	2
New problem, no further work-up (max. of 1)	3
New problem, further work-up needed	4

B. Data (3 points needed)	
Data	Points
Review/order lab(s) (CPT 80002-89399)	1
Review/order radiology service(s) (CPT 70010-79999)	1
Review/order medical diagnostic study(s) (CPT 90701-99199)	1
Discuss test/study with performing physician	1
Decision to obtain old records	1
Review and summarize old records, or obtain history from someone other than patient	2
Direct visualization and independent interpretation of an image, tracing or specimen	2

C. Risk: "Moderate risk" needed. This is subjective. Any of the following examples qualify:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescription drug management (e.g., new prescription, continue old) • Chronic illness: mild exacerbation, progression or side effect • 2 or more stable chronic illnesses • Undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis (e.g., breast lump) • Acute illness with systemic symptoms (e.g., pyelonephritis, pneumonitis, colitis) • Acute complicated injury (e.g., concussion) • Stress test • Diagnostic endoscopy without risk factors • Minor surgery with identified risk factors • IV fluids with additives • Closed treatment of fracture or dislocation without manipulation

99204 REMINDERS

99204 has the same requirements as 99214 except: ROS, 10 or more; PFSH, 3 elements; exam, 18 bulleted elements from at least 9 systems.

Also, all 3 of the major criteria must be met. These differences are summarized below.

Element	99214	99204
Major criteria (history, physical exam, medical decision making)	2 of 3	3 of 3
ROS (part of history)	2	10
PFSH (part of history)	1	3
Physical exam	12 bullets from at least 2 systems	18 bullets from at least 9 systems

LEVEL 4 REFERENCE CARD Continued

GENERAL MULTISYSTEM EXAMINATION

Constitutional

- vitals: 3 of 7 (BP/s-BP/pulse/resp/temp/wt/ht)
- general appearance

Eyes

- conjunctivae & lids
- pupils and irises
- scope of optic disc and posterior segments

Ears, Nose, Mouth and Throat

- external ears and nose
- scope of exterior auditory canals and tympanic membranes
- assess hearing
- nasal mucosa, septum and turbinates
- lips, teeth and gums
- oropharynx: oral mucosa, salivary glands, hard and soft palates, tongue, tonsils, posterior pharynx

Neck

- neck
- thyroid

Respiratory

- assess respiratory efforts
- percussion of chest
- palpate chest
- auscultate lungs

Cardiovascular

- palpate heart
- auscultate heart with notations of abnormal sounds and murmurs
- carotid arteries
- abdominal aorta
- femoral arteries
- pedal pulses
- extremities for edema/varicosities

Chest (Breasts)

- breasts
- palpate breasts and axillae

GI (Abdomen)

- abdomen with notation of presence of masses or tenderness
- liver and spleen
- presence or absence of hernia
- anus, perineum and rectum including sphincter tone, presence of hemorrhoids, rectal masses
- stool sample for occult blood

Genitourinary – Male

- scrotal contents
- penis
- digital rectal exam of prostate gland

Genitourinary – Female

- external genitalia and vagina
- urethra
- bladder
- cervix
- uterus
- adnexa/parametria

Lymphatic

Palpate lymph nodes in at least 2 areas:

- neck
- axillae
- groin
- other

Musculoskeletal

- gait and station
- inspect/palpate digits and nails

Examine joints, bones and muscles of at least one of the following:

- 1) head and neck; 2) spine, ribs and pelvis;
- 3) RUE; 4) LUE; 5) RLE; 6) LLE

- inspect/palpate
- assess range of motion
- assess stability
- assess muscle strength and tone

Skin

- inspect skin and subcutaneous tissue
- palpate skin and subcutaneous tissue

Neurologic

- cranial nerves with notation of deficits
- deep tendon reflexes (note pathological reflexes)
- sensation

Psychiatric

- describe patient's judgment and insight
- assess orientation to time, place and person
- assess recent and remote memory
- assess mood and affect