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)

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

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>C. Risk: “Moderate risk” needed. This is subjective. Any of the following examples qualify:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>• Prescription drug management (e.g., new prescription, continue old)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Chronic illness: mild exacerbation, progression or side effect</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• 2 or more stable chronic illnesses</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis (e.g., breast lump)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Acute illness with systemic symptoms (e.g., pyelonephritis, pneumonitis, colitis)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Acute complicated injury (e.g., concussion)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Stress test</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Diagnostic endoscopy without risk factors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Minor surgery with identified risk factors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• IV fluids with additives</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Closed treatment of fracture or dislocation without manipulation</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>99214</th>
<th>99204</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Major criteria (history, physical exam, medical decision making)</td>
<td>2 of 3</td>
<td>3 of 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROS (part of history)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PFSH (part of history)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Physical exam</td>
<td>12 bullets from at least 2 systems</td>
<td>18 bullets from at least 9 systems</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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

Developed by James M. Giovino, MD. Copyright © 1999 American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians may photocopy or adapt for use in patients' charts; all other rights reserved.