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TRAUMA – The history should include the specific type and location of the injury and any applicable signs or symptoms. When the history only describes an accident and no other sign/symptom or specific injury is described, a generic diagnosis code will be assigned to the claim and may not be paid.

Not enough documentation	Appropriate documentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma • Fell off ladder • MVA • MVC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdominal pain after a fall down stairs • Head pain after fall off ladder • MVA with head and neck pain • MVC with bruising on hip/shoulder
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fell and landed on wrist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left wrist injury after fall • Wrist swelling after falling and landing on left wrist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fell off bike 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall with right elbow pain and swelling • Right shoulder pain x3 days after fall off bike
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall, pain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left hip pain after bike accident • Abrasion over left patella after fall from bike
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hit head • Fall, on Warfarin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head injury or trauma • Fall, hit head with posterior scalp contusion • Altered mental status after fall

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RULE OUT/EVALUATE FOR/POSSIBLE – A history that is preceded by the words evaluate for, rule out, or possible cannot be used if the study is found to be negative. In addition, follow-up, pre-op, and post-op are insufficient clinical histories.

Not enough documentation	Appropriate documentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule-out • Possible/probable • Evaluate for • Suspect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough and fever, rule out pneumonia • Right leg pain, possible fracture • Bilateral knee swelling, evaluated for osteoarthritis • Blurred vision and slurred speech consistent with TIA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up • Pre-op • Post-op • Baseline • Screening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up for pneumonia • Abnormal findings on previous chest x-ray; suggestive of bacterial infection • Pre-op exam for TAVR • Post op exam following CABG

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WEAKNESS - Weakness is insufficient as the only clinical history.

Not enough documentation	Appropriate documentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weakness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generalized weakness • Muscle weakness in left leg • Right side hemiplegia • Facial weakness